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Letters to the Editors



Dear Nick Mag,
My dog Honey bit into your slime cupcake recipe [June/July 1995]. I grabbed it from him and put it back together like a puzzle, and then I made the cupcakes.

Amanda S., age 11
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Amanda,
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Dear Nick Mag,
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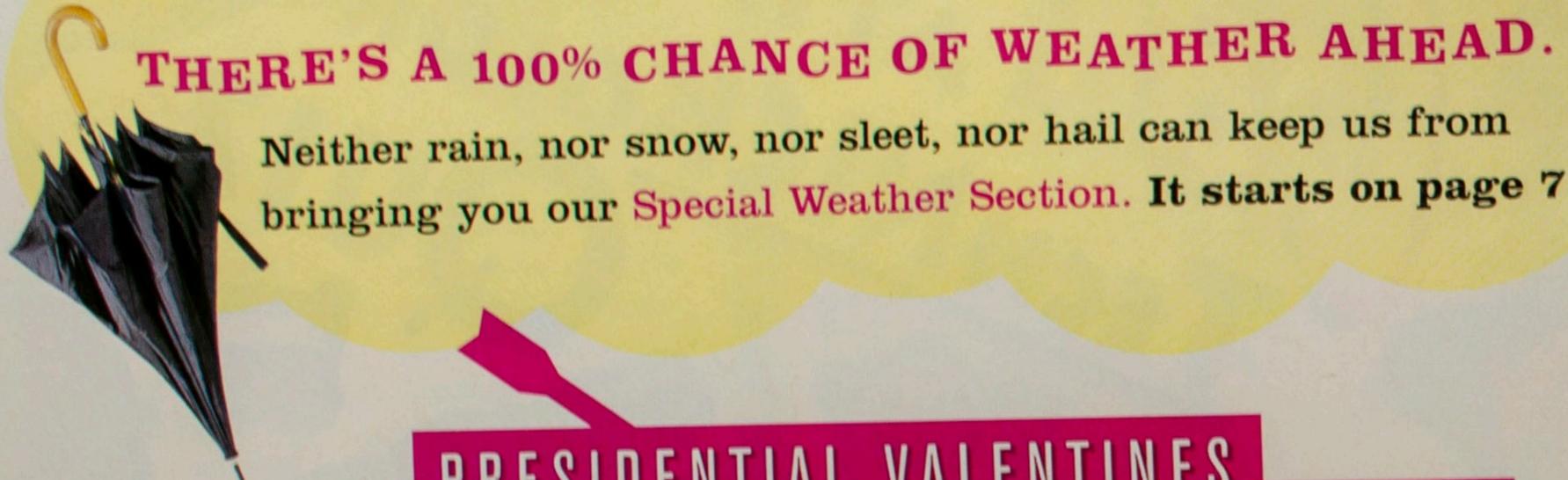
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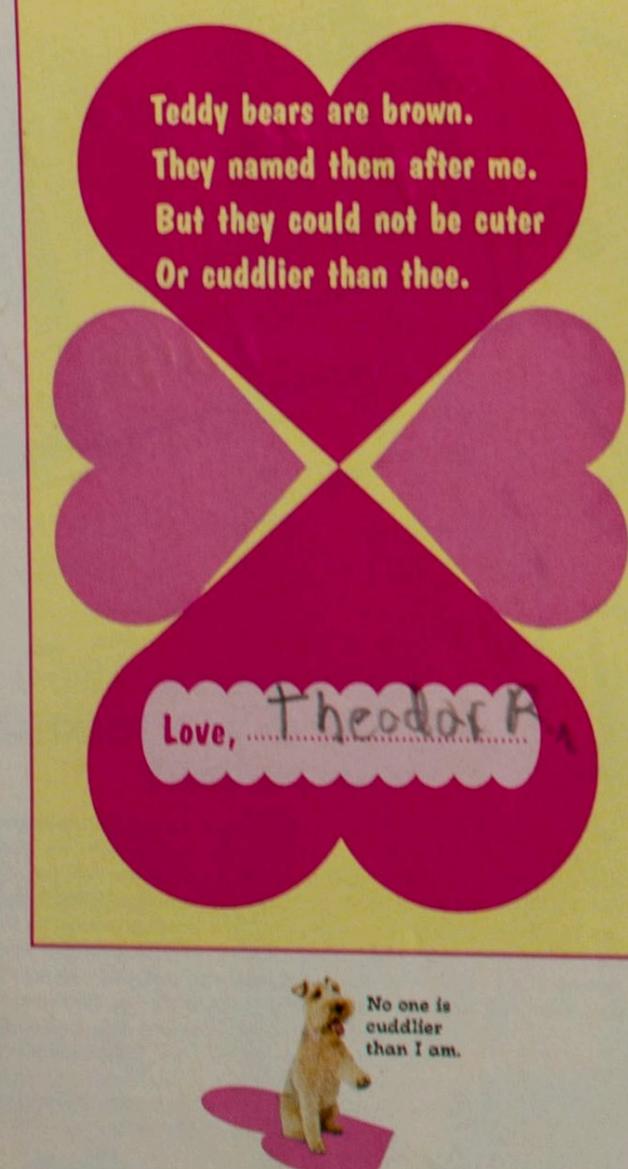
Roses are red
Like cherries on a tree.
Please don't chop me down.
Will you go out with me?

Love, George

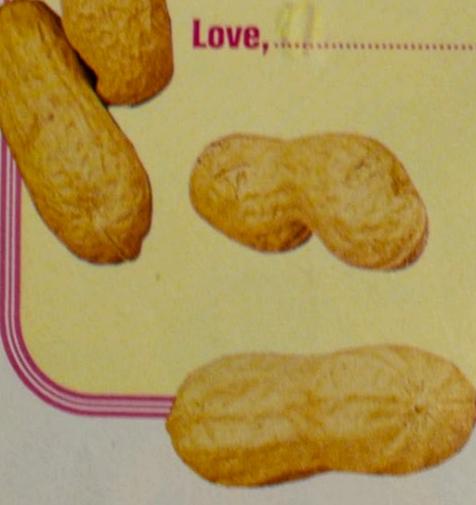


Teddy bears are brown.
They named them after me.
But they could not be cuter
Or cuddlier than thee.

Love, Theodore R.



Peanuts are tan.
They are so nice to roast.
You're a little bit nutty,
But I think you're the most.



SO THERE I WAS
GOING TO A COOL PARTY AT
MY NEW SCHOOL...
AND I DIDN'T KNOW ANYBODY.
I MEAN I WAS SHAKIN'
IN MY SHOES!



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The Joke Page

by David Lewman

These Jokes Are All Wet

What do you call salad after a rainstorm?
Wettuce.

What did Lincoln deliver during a rainstorm?
His *Wettsburg Address*.

What do you call an animal doctor caught in a rainstorm?
A *weterenarian*.

What do you call someone who delivers mail in a rainstorm?
A *wetter carrier*.

What do you call potatoes caught in a rainstorm?
Drench fries.



Just Thinking Out Cloud....

Why did the storm cloud aim at the taxi?
He wanted to hail a cab.

What do you clean clouds with?
A skyscraper.

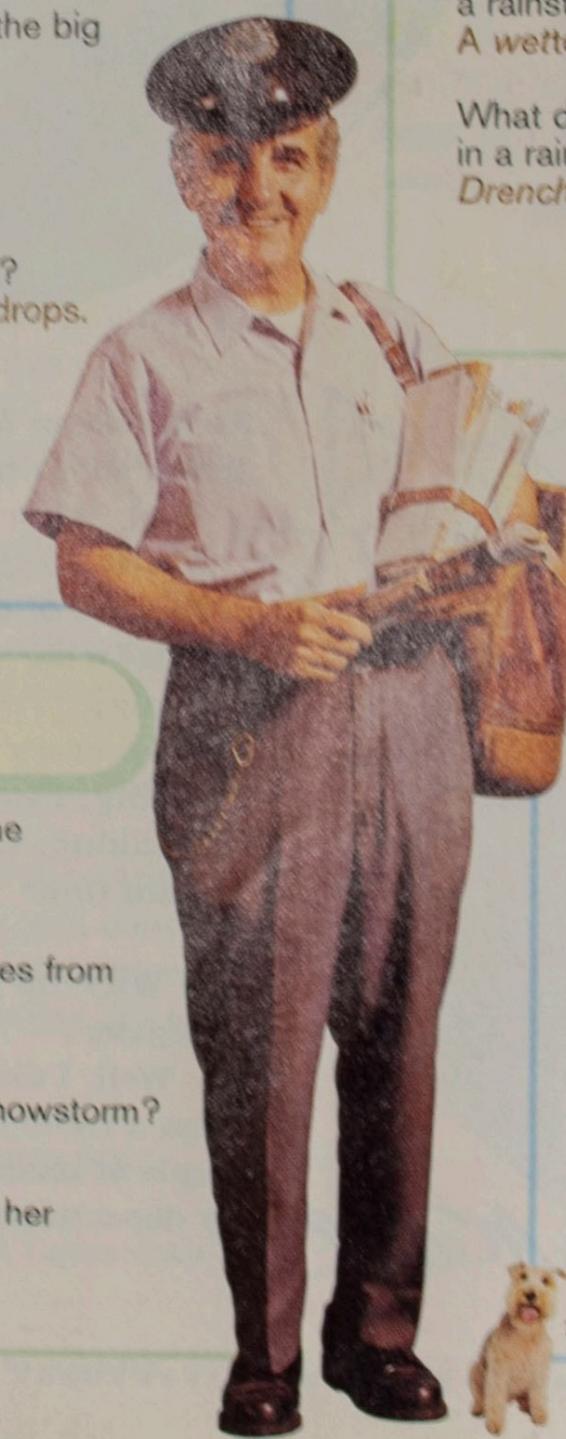
Why don't clouds bump into each other?
Because there's not a *cld* in the sky.

Why did the little cloud leave home?
He ran away to join a *cirrus*.

Why did the winter cloud go to bed early?
He wanted to get a good night's *sleet*.

Why did the giant reach down below the clouds?
He was feeling under the weather.

Hmm...I think Tee chased this guy before.



Get My Drift?



What do you call dogs born in the middle of winter?
Pupsicles.

Why did the boy try to hang icicles from his ceiling?
He wanted a snowmobile.

Was the lettuce okay after the snowstorm?
No, it was frozen *salad*.

Why did the icicle break up with her boyfriend in the spring?
He was becoming a real *drip*.

Meet Al, Your Weather Pal

Al Roker forecasts the weather on the *Today* show. **NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's** Robin Sayers talked to Al about the highs and lows of his job. 

SUNNY AND BRIGHT:
Al is also a cartoonist.
Here's his self-portrait.

LET A SMILE BE YOUR UMBRELLA: Al takes a break from forecasting in the NBC 4 Weather Center.

4 WEATHER CENTER



Nickelodeon Magazine: Do you ever dream about the weather?

Al Roker: No, but when I first began forecasting, I had trouble sleeping because of the weather. If I had forecast that a big storm was going to start overnight, I'd be looking out the window every 20 minutes. And if it wasn't storming, I couldn't sleep, because I would be thinking, Oh, gosh, how am I going to explain this?

NM: Why did you become a TV weather forecaster?

AR: Well, I didn't plan to be one. In college I was a radio and TV major. I had taken a couple of meteorology courses. One day, my department chairperson said a local

television station was looking for a weekend weatherperson. I auditioned, and I got the job. That was in 1974.

NM: What's the funniest thing about weather?

AR: That some people really do think humans can control it.

NM: What's your favorite kind of weather?

AR: It's about 72 degrees, sunny, a little bit of a breeze.

NM: Is there a difference between "partly sunny" and "partly cloudy"?

AR: Partly sunny means there's more sun than clouds. And partly cloudy is just the opposite, more clouds than sun.

NM: Have you ever gotten to stay home from work because of a snowy day?

AR: No, I've always been able to make it into the office.

NM: Have you ever gotten caught without an umbrella?

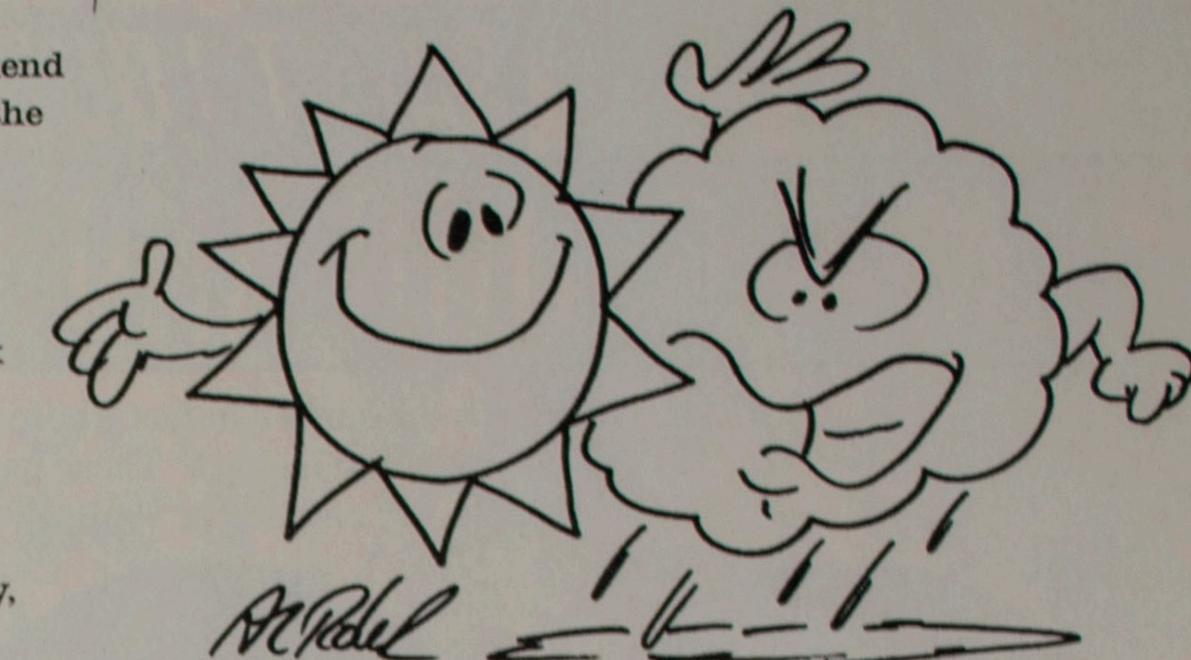
AR: A few times. Now I keep one everywhere. I have one in my office, one in my car. It's bad advertising if it's raining and the forecaster doesn't have an umbrella.

NM: How has weather forecasting changed since you started?

AR: When I started, we didn't have any computers, just big maps that you could draw on. Now, it's all done by computers. The satellite images and the radar are all computer-based.

NM: Has anything embarrassing ever happened to you on the air?

AR: There was the time David Letterman



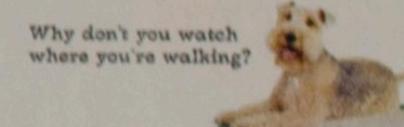
came into my studio with Zippy the Chimp. Zippy had a camera on his head and he was roller-skating all over the set. He went nuts.

NM: What's the worst part of your job?

AR: Getting up at 5:00 AM for the *Today* show, although the doughnuts are really fresh that early in the morning.

NM: Do you know any good weather jokes?

AR: "I'm not saying it's really raining cats and dogs, but on my way over here, I stepped in a poodle."



Why don't you watch where you're walking?



SAY IT LOUD— I'M A CLOUD AND I'M PROUD!

All clouds are not the same—in fact, there are 10 basic types. How can you tell them apart? These handy poems will help you remember some of them.



CIRRUS (SERE-us)

Cirrus is high in the sky,
Just like a wisp that can fly.

Made up of ice,
It looks rather nice,
Like feathers or hair floating by.



CUMULUS (KYU-myu-lus)

Cumulus has a flat base.
It's puffy and thick, that's the case.
Its top, it can tower
Like white cauliflower.
On sunny days, it takes up space.



CIRROCUMULUS (sere-oh-KYU-myu-lus)

The cloud that we call *Cirrocumulus*
Is a cloud you may find rather humorous.
Lines of small clumps,
Ripples and lumps,
Its blobs and its masses are numerous.



STRATOCUMULUS (stra-toe-KYU-myu-lus)

Stratocumulus clouds hang out low,
And they often line up row by row.
They're soft and they're gray,
In a globular way,
They're above you and you are below.



STRATUS (STRA-tus)

This is *Stratus*, it's dreary and gray.
It is kind of like fog in a way.
It stays low to the ground,
But it does not touch down.
It can bring on a light drizzly day.



ALTOSTRATUS (al-toe-STRA-tus)

If *Altostratus* comes by
And thickens, a storm could be nigh.
Some sun can show through,
Other times, not. Boo-hoo!
It's like a gray veil, that's no lie.

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HIGH PRESSURE JOBS

Everybody talks about the weather. NICKELODEON MAGAZINE's Carmen Morais tracked down five people who actually do something about it.

Funnel vision: A tornado touches down in Enid, Oklahoma.

It's a twister!

- Tornadoes are the most violent storms in nature. They start when strong gusts of warm air blow upward and collide with powerful cold winds inside a thundercloud. The winds cause the warm air to spin and form a funnel.
- Tornado Alley has the most tornadoes in the world. It stretches from central Texas up to the Dakotas.
- Average wind speeds of a tornado are 70 miles per hour, but some can reach more than 300 miles per hour.

A cyclone hit this job

Daphne Thompson is a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Kansas City, Missouri. In her free time, she likes to chase tornadoes with her husband, Richard. In their car, they follow storms that are likely to form a tornado, then videotape them if one develops.

Nickelodeon Magazine: How did you get into chasing tornadoes?

Daphne Thompson: When I was nine, a tornado hit our town in Texas. Afterward, there was grapefruit-sized hail in our yard. From then on, I was interested in severe weather, especially tornadoes.

NM: How many people do you need to chase tornadoes?

DT: At least two: One concentrates only on driving; the other checks the maps and watches the sky carefully.

NM: Do tornadoes ever chase you?

DT: That's never happened to me. You just don't want to get caught in a rain or hail-storm where you can't see anything and where a tornado can come get you. That's why it's so important to know what you're doing if you're going to chase.

NM: What's the best one you've ever seen?

DT: In Laverne, Oklahoma, in 1991, we saw the clouds start to form a wall. Dirt started to move up from the ground, then we saw the funnel form. We saw it grow and grow.

NM: What do you do when it's not tornado season?

DT: Watch tornado videos.

NM: What is your favorite type of weather?

DT: Tornadoes. Isn't it obvious?

Daphne Thompson and some twisted twister twisage.

The snow man

When the temperature is below 28°F, the snowmakers at the ski resort of Killington, Vermont, make snow 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Robert Samarel is one of them.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Do you like being a snowmaker?

Robert Samarel: I really enjoy it. It's different from what almost anyone else does.

NM: What are the ingredients for your snow?

RS: Air and water. The amount of each depends on the temperature.

Flake file

- Why does it snow? It snows because moisture inside a cold cloud turns into ice crystals. When the crystals get big and heavy enough, they fall as snow.
- No one has ever found two snowflakes that look exactly alike.
- More snow falls in southern Canada and the northern United States than in the North Pole.

NM: How does the machine turn the air and water into snow?

RS: You point the guns toward the air, and water shoots out, like a mist. As

the water falls, it crystallizes and makes snow.

NM: What's the most snow you can make in a day?

RS: It depends on the temperature. On average, I think you can make about one inch of snow in one hour over one acre. That's with just one gun.

NM: Do you ever get sick of snow?

RS: Sometimes it kind of drives me bananas, but that's usually only around April, after I've run down my body all season.

NM: Do you like snow cones?

RS: Yes. I used to work for Dolly Madison Ice Cream in Brooklyn. I worked in a freezer and now look at me—I'm out here in the snow. My mother used to tell me I was crazy and maybe she was right.

A face in the clouds

Bruce Boe runs the cloud-seeding program in North Dakota. Cloud seeding makes a cloud release its moisture sooner and helps prevent hailstorms. Only clouds that are already about to rain or hail can be seeded.

Nickelodeon Magazine: What did people do in the past to try to make it rain?

Bruce Boe: In Europe, some people thought that cannon blasts caused rain. And five centuries ago, churches would sometimes ring their bells to try to prevent hail. On rare occasions, lightning would strike the bell ringer up in the tall steeple instead, and he would die.

NM: Is it true that in Texas at the end of the last century, kites with explosives were sent into the air to make it rain?

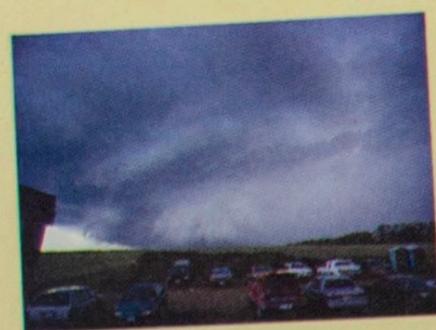
BB: Yes. Those methods didn't work.

NM: Why do you seed clouds?

BB: Here in North Dakota it's mostly because of our hail problem. Hail just eats the crops. Our hailstorms can take a field full of six-foot-tall sunflowers and leave nothing standing—only plant pulp is left on the ground.

Please be seeded:
Bruce Boe; and
above, North
Dakota clouds.

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NM: What are the seeds?

BB: It's a mix of mostly silver iodide and acetone that's carried inside tanks on the wing tips of the airplane.

NM: What is your favorite type of cloud and why?

BB: Cumulonimbus clouds, because they have lightning, and they can produce a lot of rain. They're the biggest and strongest. They're the Tyrannosaurus rex of clouds.

NM: Is it scary to be in the cloud during seeding?

BB: There's no time to be scared. I've been in a cloud-seeding plane that was hit several times with lightning. You see a blinding flash, and then right away you start checking your equipment. Dozens of planes are hit by lightning every year and there's no problem.

NM: How well does cloud seeding work, if you had to give it a grade?

BB: I'd give it a C. We reduce hail damage to crops by about 44 percent.

NM: Do you think we'll ever be able to totally control the weather?

BB: Never. We don't even modify weather now. We just modify a few conditions inside one cloud.

NM: Do you have a nickname?

BB: RainBoe.

Flash photographer

Ron Holle photographs lightning. He also studies it at the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, Oklahoma.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Why do you like taking pictures of lightning?

Ron Holle: Because you never know what you've caught till you get the film back.

NM: Do you get wet?

RH: If you're getting wet, you shouldn't be out there. That would mean the storm and the lightning are where you are, and that's dangerous. I wouldn't take a picture unless the lightning was many miles away.

NM: How can you tell how far away a storm is?

RH: You can calculate how far away a

Nuts and bolts of lightning

- What causes lightning? When the positive and negative electrical charges inside a thundercloud, or between a thundercloud and the ground, are not equal, the cloud will release electricity (lightning) to balance them out.

- Lightning can happen within a cloud, between clouds, or from a cloud to the ground. Thunder is the noise made by the explosion of electricity.

- The air around a lightning bolt is five times as hot as the surface of the sun.

- As you read this, there are nearly 2,000 thunderstorms occurring throughout the world.

- You can hear thunder up to 10 miles away. Heat lightning is just lightning that's too far away to hear the accompanying thunder.

storm is by counting the time between seeing the lightning and hearing the thunder. Five seconds (five "Mississippi") between lightning and thunder mean the storm is a mile away. So five "Mississippi" equal one mile.

NM: Are you afraid of lightning?

RH: I'm very afraid—and respectful—of it. It's so common, you should really protect yourself from it. Then you can enjoy it from a safe distance.

NM: Is there one thunderstorm you really remember?

RH: When I was about 12, the biggest windstorm came through—the wind gusted over 100 miles per hour. I was alone in the house. Lightning was crackling all over. The power was out and it was really noisy from the wind, and the trees and the utility lines were falling all over the place. A few years later, I was studying all about it.

NM: Would you ever conduct Ben Franklin's kite experiment?

RH: Not a chance! It's very dangerous. He didn't know what he was doing, but he was curious, and I can identify with that.

Getting a charge from his work:
Ron Holle.



Another photographer,
Warren Faidley, captured
this forked lightning over
Tucson, Arizona.

A job with gusto

Jeff Adams works at a wind farm in Tehachapi Pass, California. The 346 windmills at the farm create electricity for more than 17,000 homes, without polluting the air. One windmill alone can run about 50 houses.

Nickelodeon Magazine: How does it all work? What do you do with all that wind?

Jeff Adams: The wind turns the foil [the blade on a vertical windmill, shown at the bottom of this page] and they convert the force of the wind into electrical energy.

NM: Is the wind so strong that it sometimes bends the windmills?

JA: Yes. During the winter, we can hit 85-mile-per-hour gusts. I'm 6 feet, 2 inches tall and weigh 200 pounds, and I've been blown over before.

NM: Do you like to fly kites?

JA: Very much. I also like to sail. I like anything to do with wind. I just don't like wind itself. It makes you look old. It wrecks your hair. And it can make your ears ring.

NM: You don't like wind?

JA: No, I just don't like wind. But it has always amazed me—the force of something you can't see.

NM: What's your idea of a perfect day, weather-wise?

JA: A warm fall day. It would just be breezy. I get enough wind here at work.



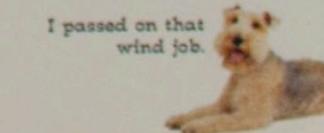
That wind song stays on his mind:
Jeff Adams and some of his windmills.



A real breeze

- Air is made up of molecules. A high pressure system is when those molecules are pressed closely together. Low pressure means the molecules are spread apart. Wind is created when high and low pressure masses meet, and they try to even each other out.

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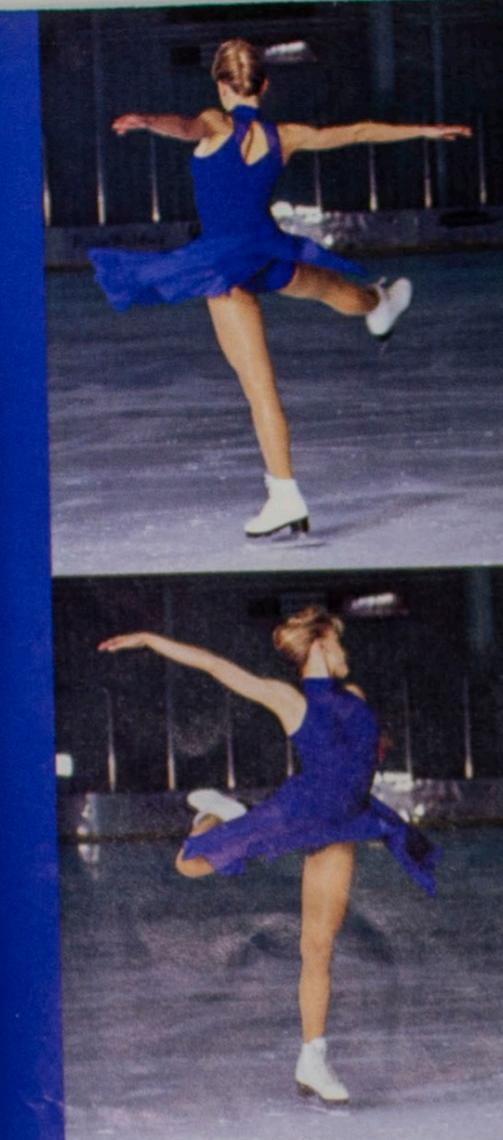
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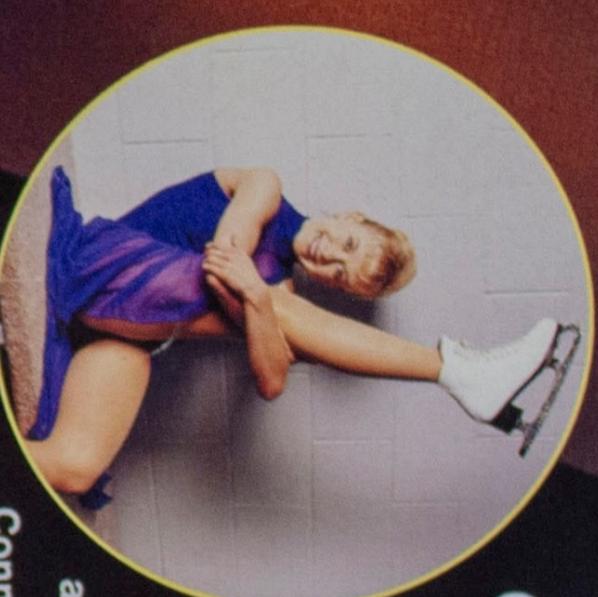
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Golden Girl



Oksana Baiul was 16 years old when she won the Gold Medal in women's figure skating at the 1994 Olympics. Since then, she's been skating professionally. She also moved from the Ukraine to America. Oksana showed NICKELODEON MAGAZINE an ice time when we spoke with her at the Connecticut rink where she practices.

Nickelodeon Magazine: Where do you keep your Gold Medal?

Oksana Baiul: My coach's mother, whom I think of as a grandmother, has it. She lives in the Ukraine.

NM: How many pairs of skates do you own?

OB: Just one. Everyone thinks I have so many, but I only use one because it takes a long time to break them in. New skates are like cement, rock hard! It takes a while to get them to a point where they are comfortable to put on.

NM: Are your skates custom-made?

OB: Yes, they are made with exact measurements of my feet and ankles.

OB: I can't remember, because I began skating when I was three and a half years old.

NM: Do you save all the trophies you've won?

OB: No. I saved the first one for my mom. She didn't think I would win.

NM: Have you ever felt sick of skating?

OB: When I was small, I wanted to quit.

NM: What were the toughest moves to learn?

NM: What was the best thing about winning the Gold Medal?

OB: Just winning it. I couldn't believe I won it! I was so scared that the second-best thing was that it was over. I tell you, I have never been so nervous in my life!

NM: You had dinner at the White House. What was that like?

OB: It was very beautiful. I met the President and Mrs. Clinton, and they were very nice to me. I was nervous! There were many famous and interesting people there. I didn't recognize everyone at first, but lots of people came over to say hello.

NM: How often do you practice?

OB: Five to six hours a day for five days straight. Then I take one day off. Then I practice another five days and take the sixth day off.

NM: Does spinning make you dizzy?

OB: No.

NM: When you began skating, did you get dizzy?

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This is Oksana's right leg shown

actual size. Place your leg next to hers, and see how you measure up.

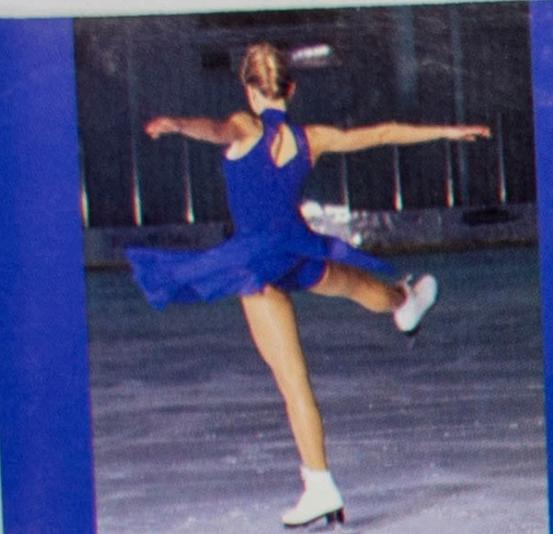
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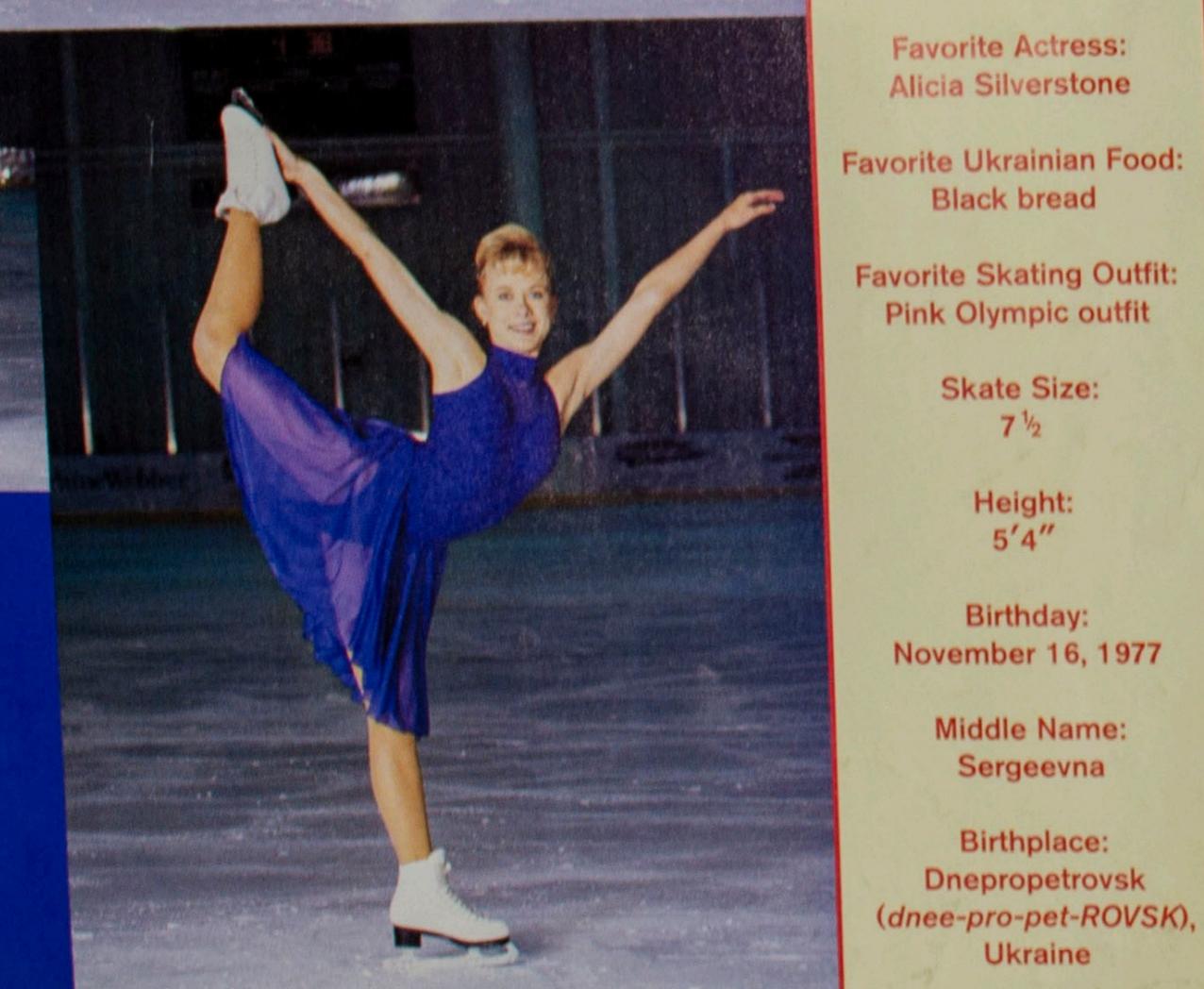
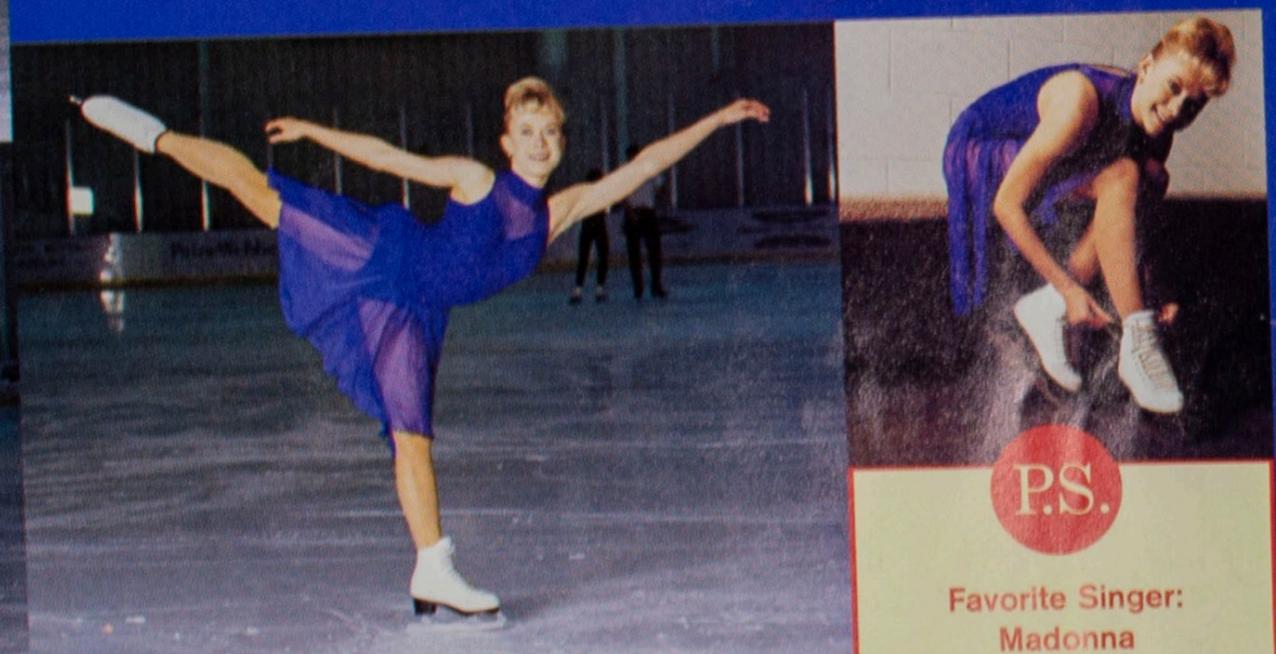
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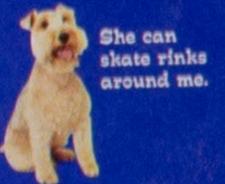
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- a. Blade booties
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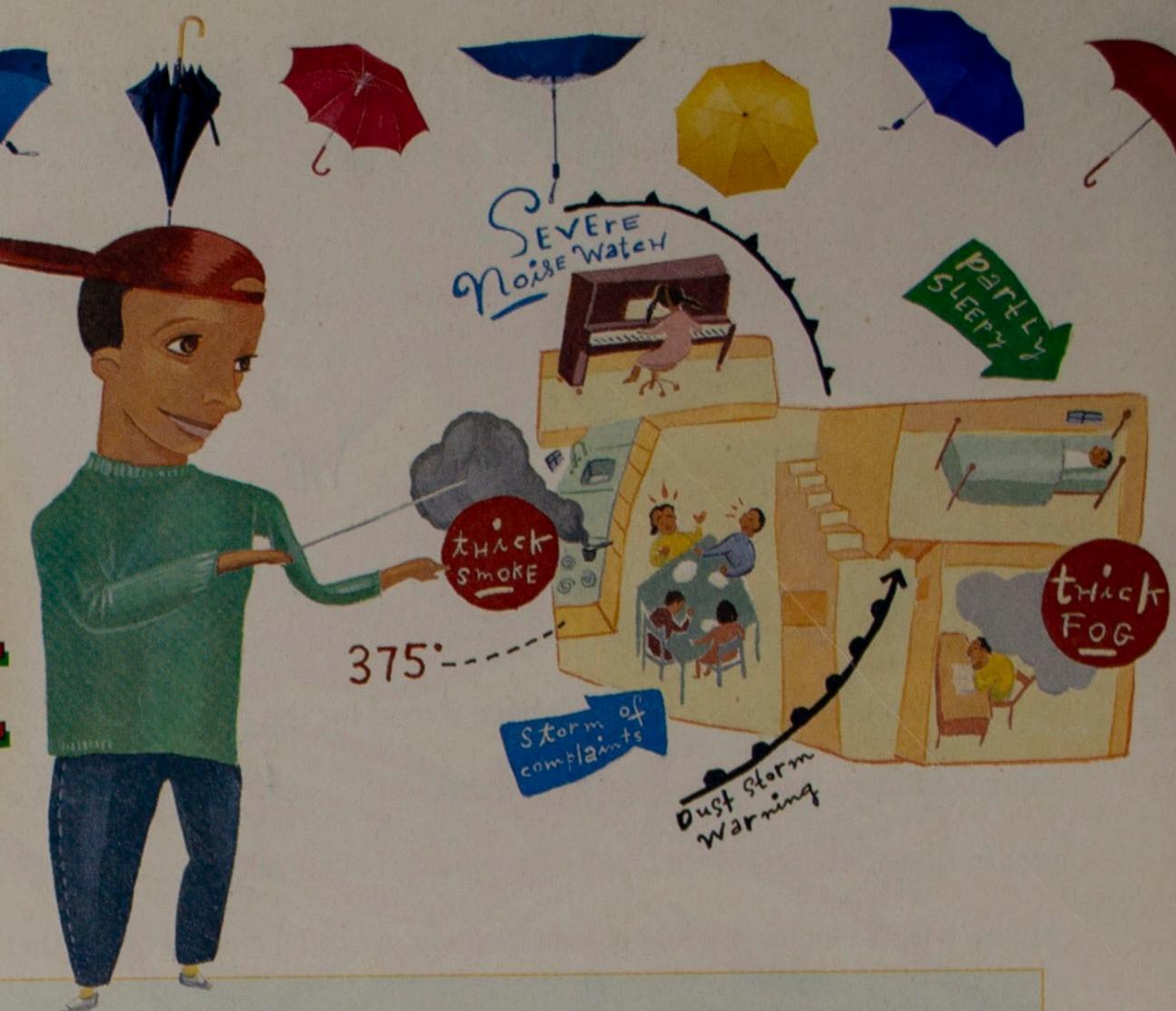
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By breakfast time, the mumbling and scratching that accompanied this grouchy patch had pretty much cleared up, and the whole system moved out of this area (*point at front door*). Midday was mostly calm, until this very active system blew back in (*point at front door*) late this afternoon.

Hurricane **Derek Lunn** hit the kitchen, buffeting the eastern cupboard and tearing snacks from the shelves, until a **YOU'LL RUIN YOUR DINNER!** warning was posted.

Now, let's look at our present conditions. (*Point at each room on map as you discuss it.*)

In the kitchen, there's a definite warming trend. We'll see steadily increasing temperatures as dinner approaches, with a slight chance of a big yummy dessert. If **Mom Lunn** is doing the cooking, though, watch out for thick clouds of smoke. In **Beverly Lunn**'s room,



a high-pressure system is building up because he's got a big science test tomorrow. If things don't stay quiet around there, we may see flashes of bad temper here and here (point at the two bedrooms). In Mack's room, it will be continued messy and loud, with drifting piles of dirty clothes. A dust-storm warning has been issued for the next 20 years. In the bathroom, we're seeing increased humidity, mildew, and fog, thanks to Dad's really long showers. In fact, it's so wet in there, we may be in for flurries of paint chips and ceramic tiles. And in the closets, expect scattered shoes, with a chance of mold clouds forming around a slice of bread that Berek left in a jar as a science experiment.

Okay, let's look ahead to the rest of this evening and into tomorrow.

During dinner, expect to see some light fighting between Berek and Mack.

Vegetables may pile up in the vicinity of Mack's plate, covered by a fresh new layer of

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everyone starts on homework, They may get lost in a thick fog. Because Berek

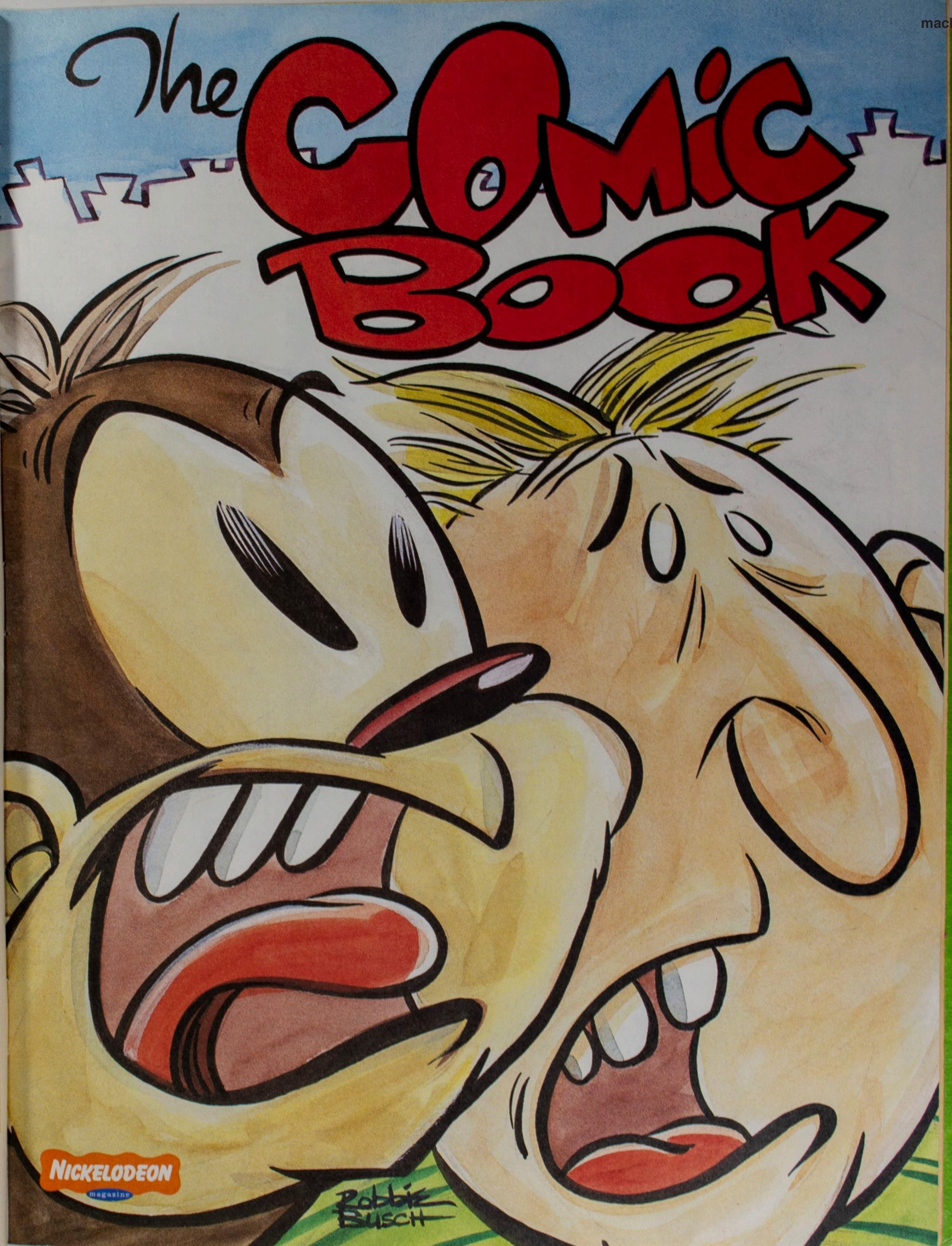
was playing in dirt again this afternoon, there's a strong chance of showers before bedtime.

Overnight, we're likely to get a few more snore squalls. Tomorrow morning should be partly sleepy with

a chance of yawns, followed by clouds of hair spray once Mom & Dad gets in the bathroom.

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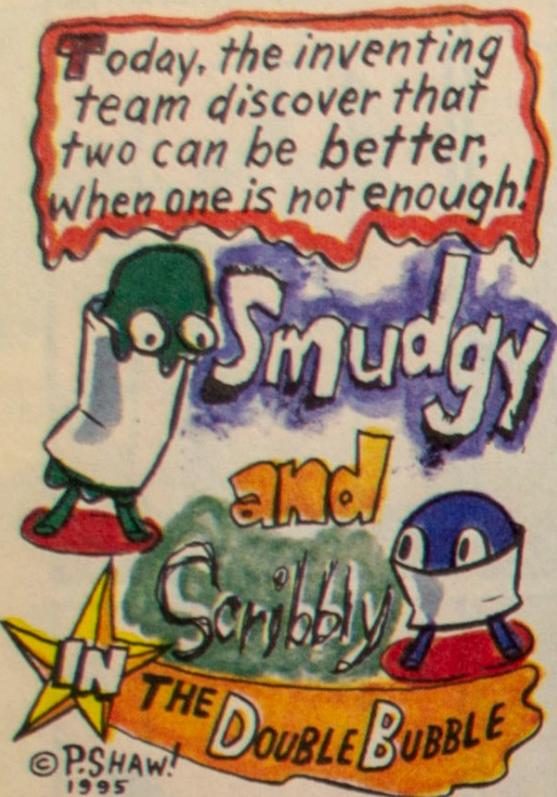
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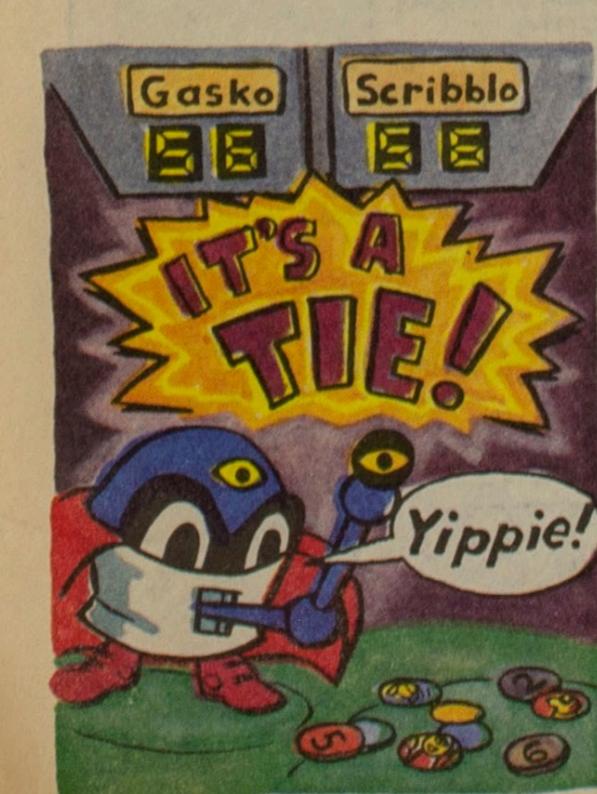
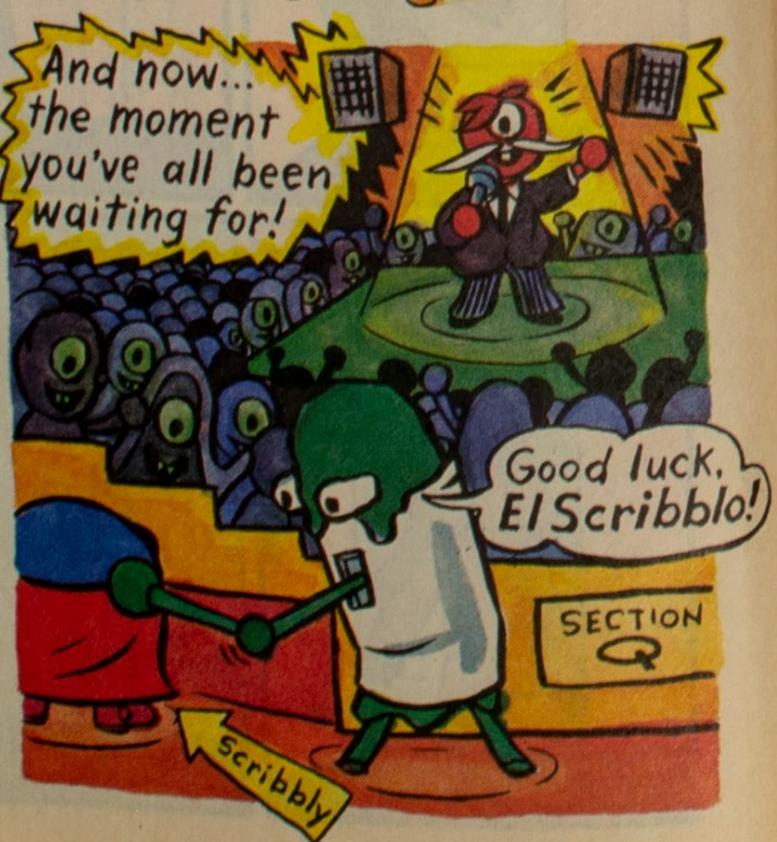
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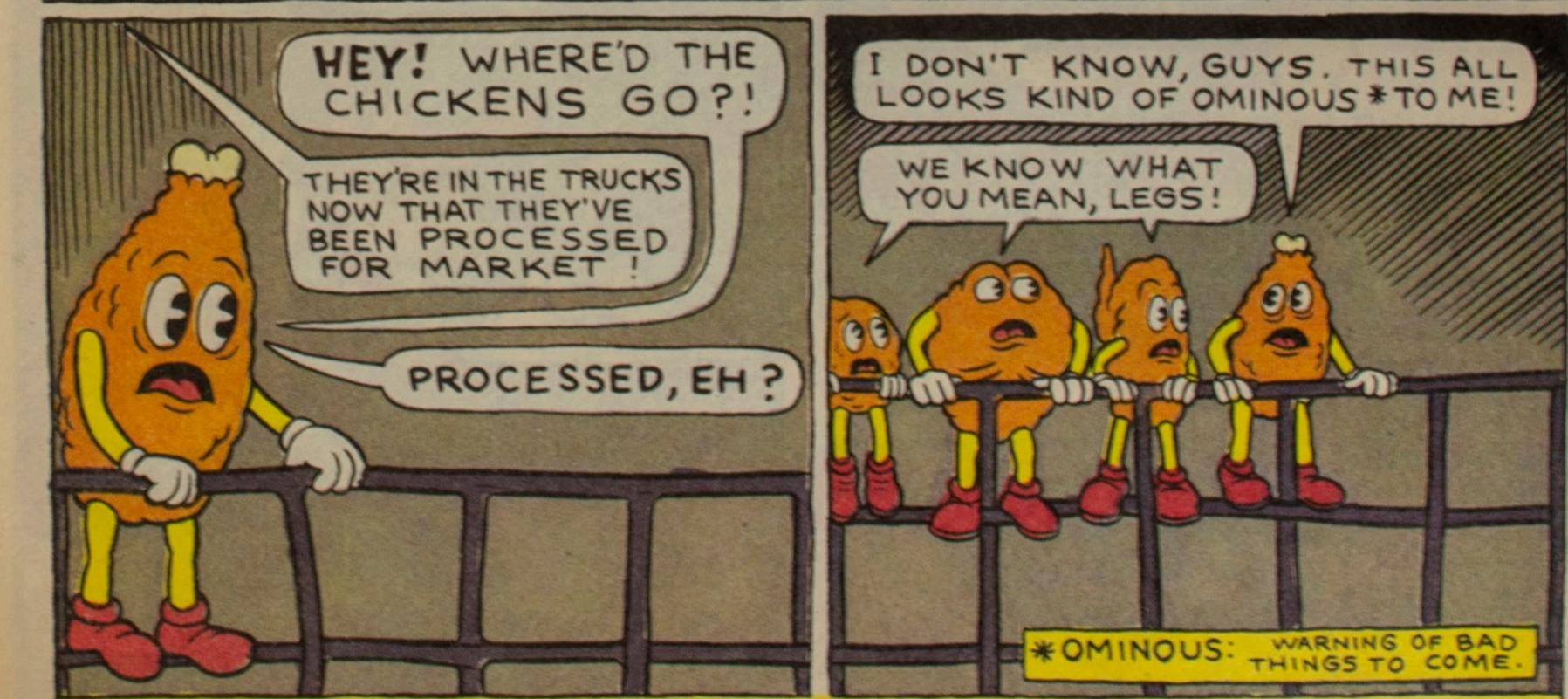
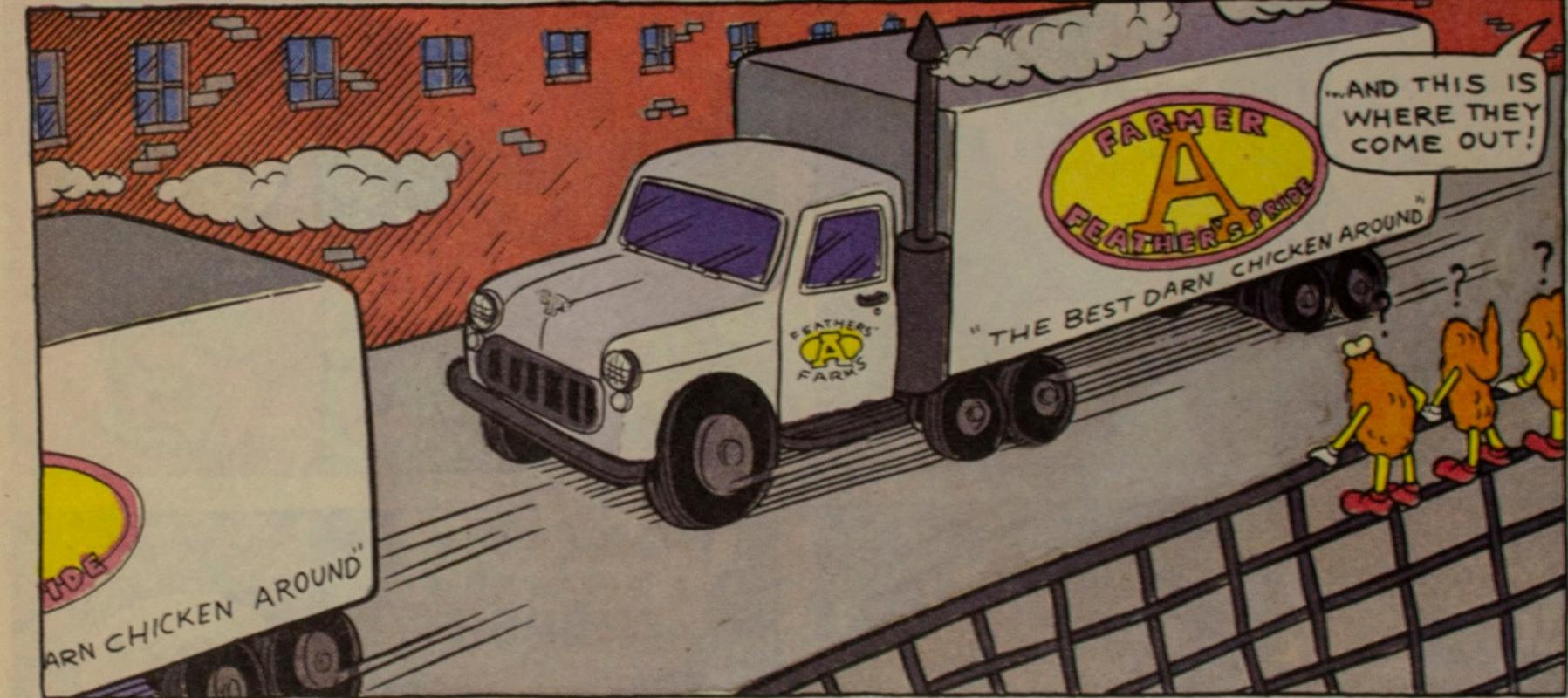
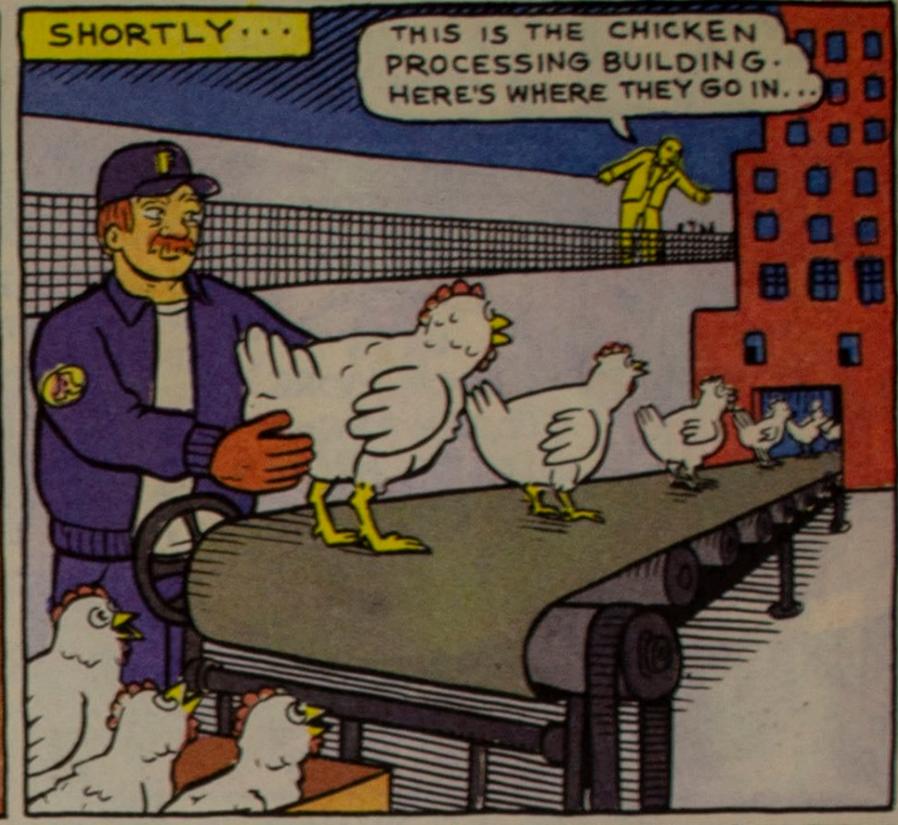
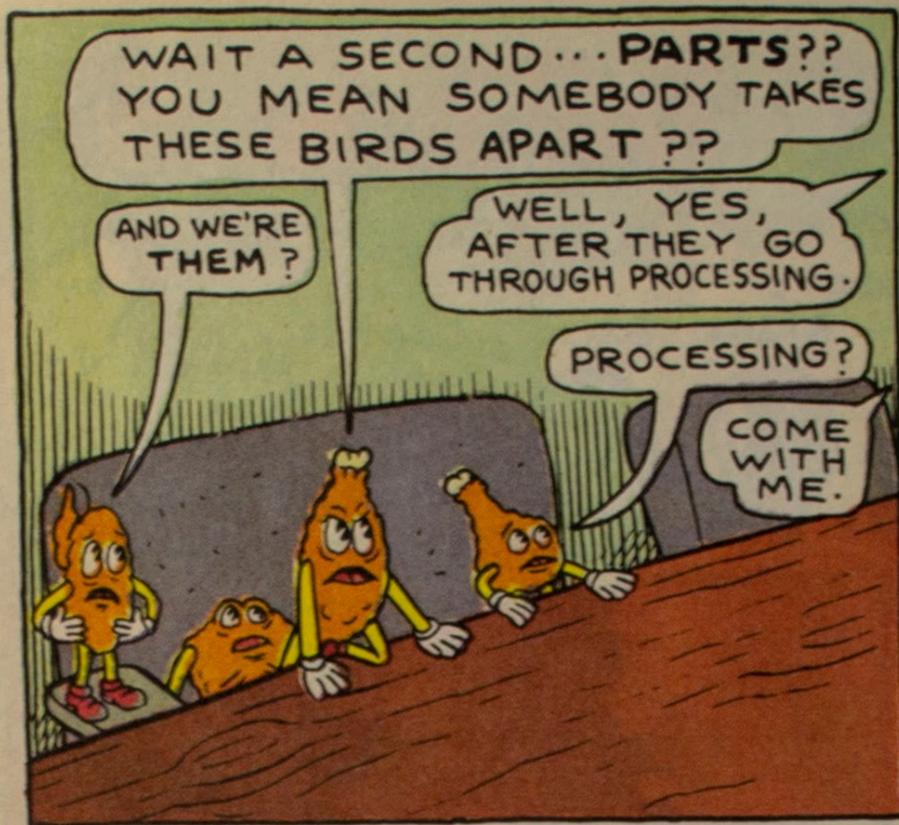
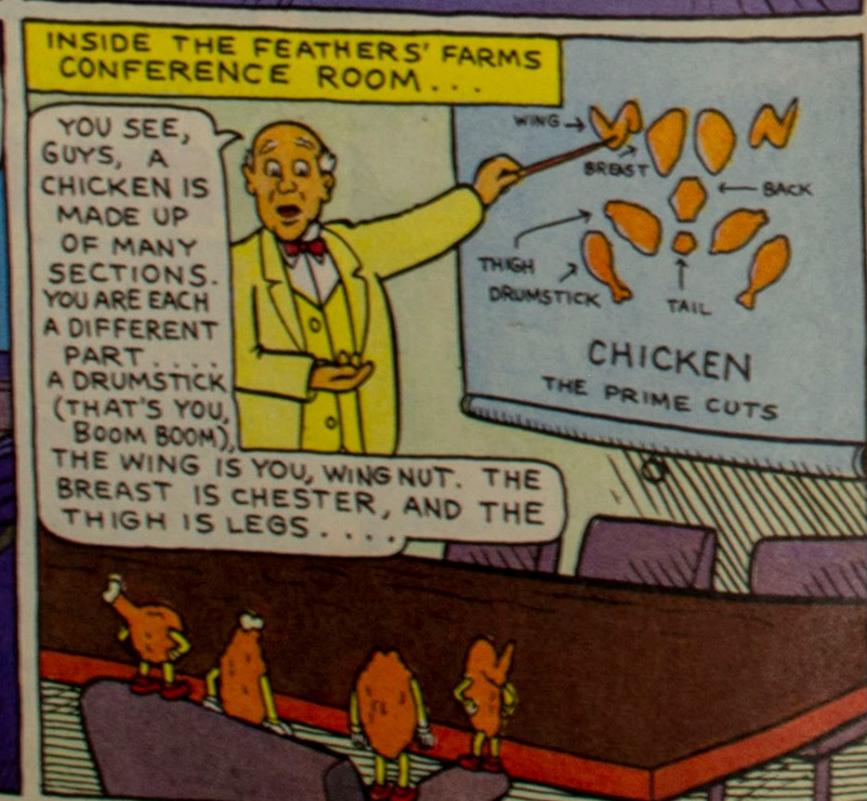
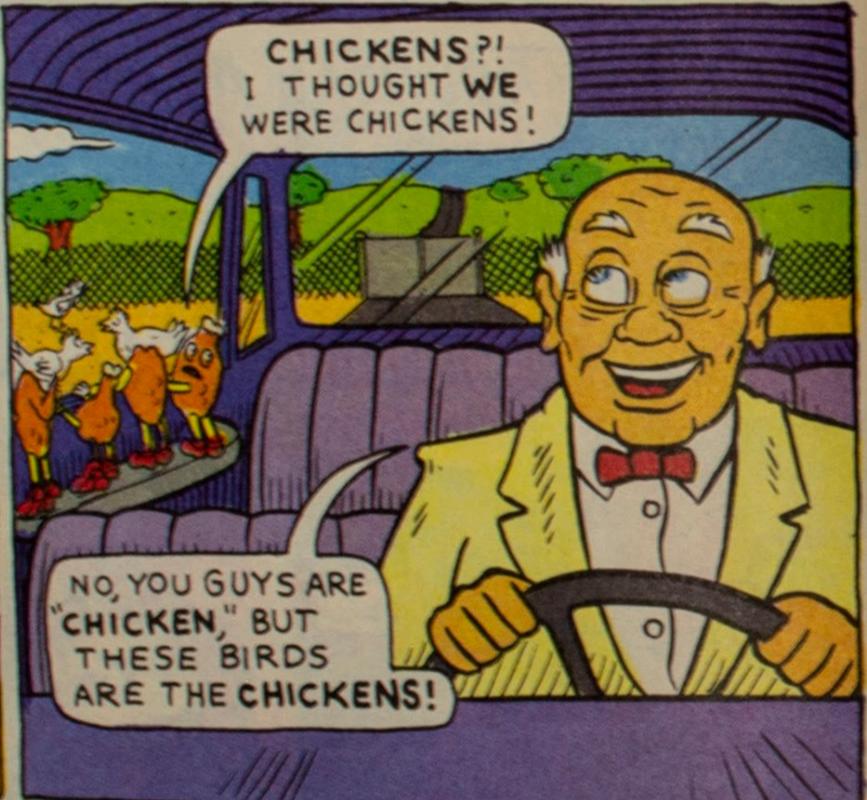
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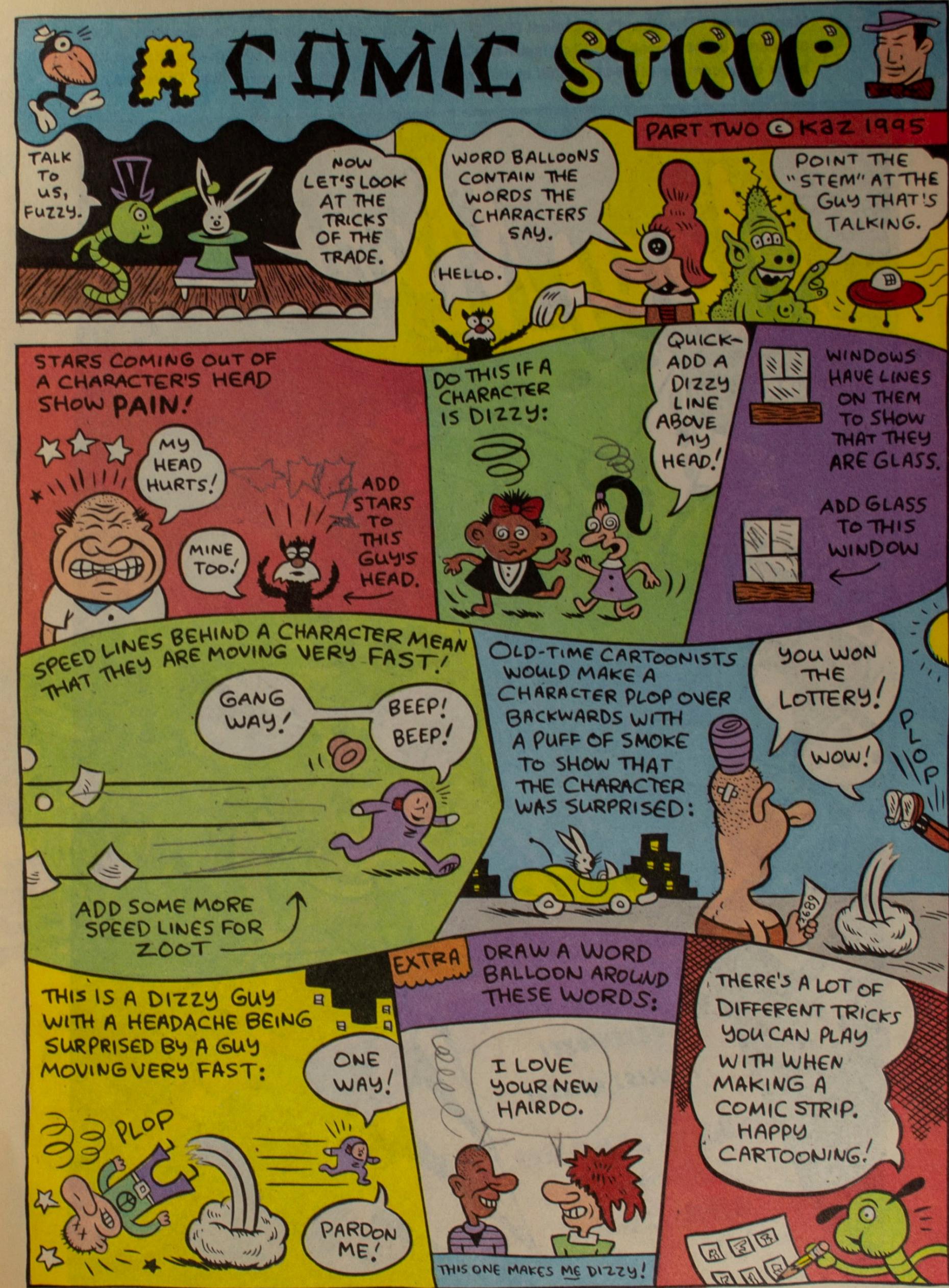




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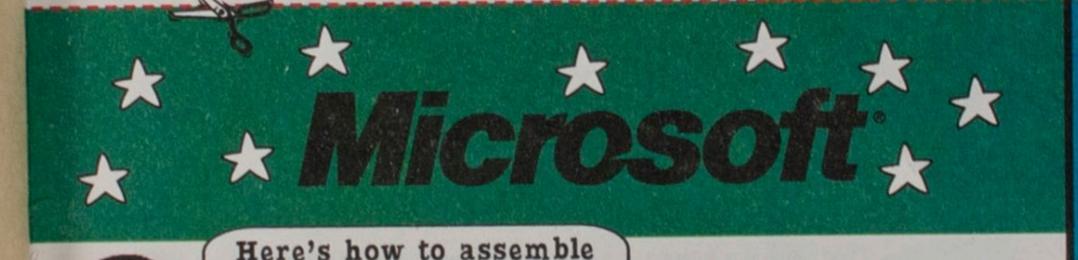
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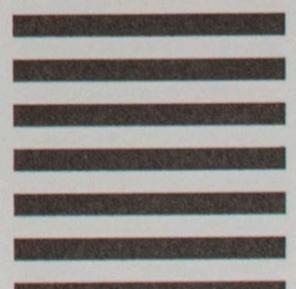
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A vintage comic book cover for "Mary Marvel" from February, No. 21. The title "Mary Marvel" is written in large, stylized yellow letters at the top. Below it, the price "10¢" and issue number "NO. 21" are visible. The central illustration shows Mary Marvel, a young girl with brown hair in a red and yellow superhero costume, flying through a chaotic scene of floating dice and coins. A large die is prominently featured in the foreground. In the lower right corner of the main cover, there is a small inset showing a cartoon character with a speech bubble. The main cover has a dark background with bright yellow and red colors. A central text box contains promotional text for "NICKELODEON magazine".

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Top Right: Four adventure stamps in dashed boxes. Stamp #4 shows a yellow star, #3 shows a purple planet, #2 shows a blue sea creature, and #1 shows red fish.
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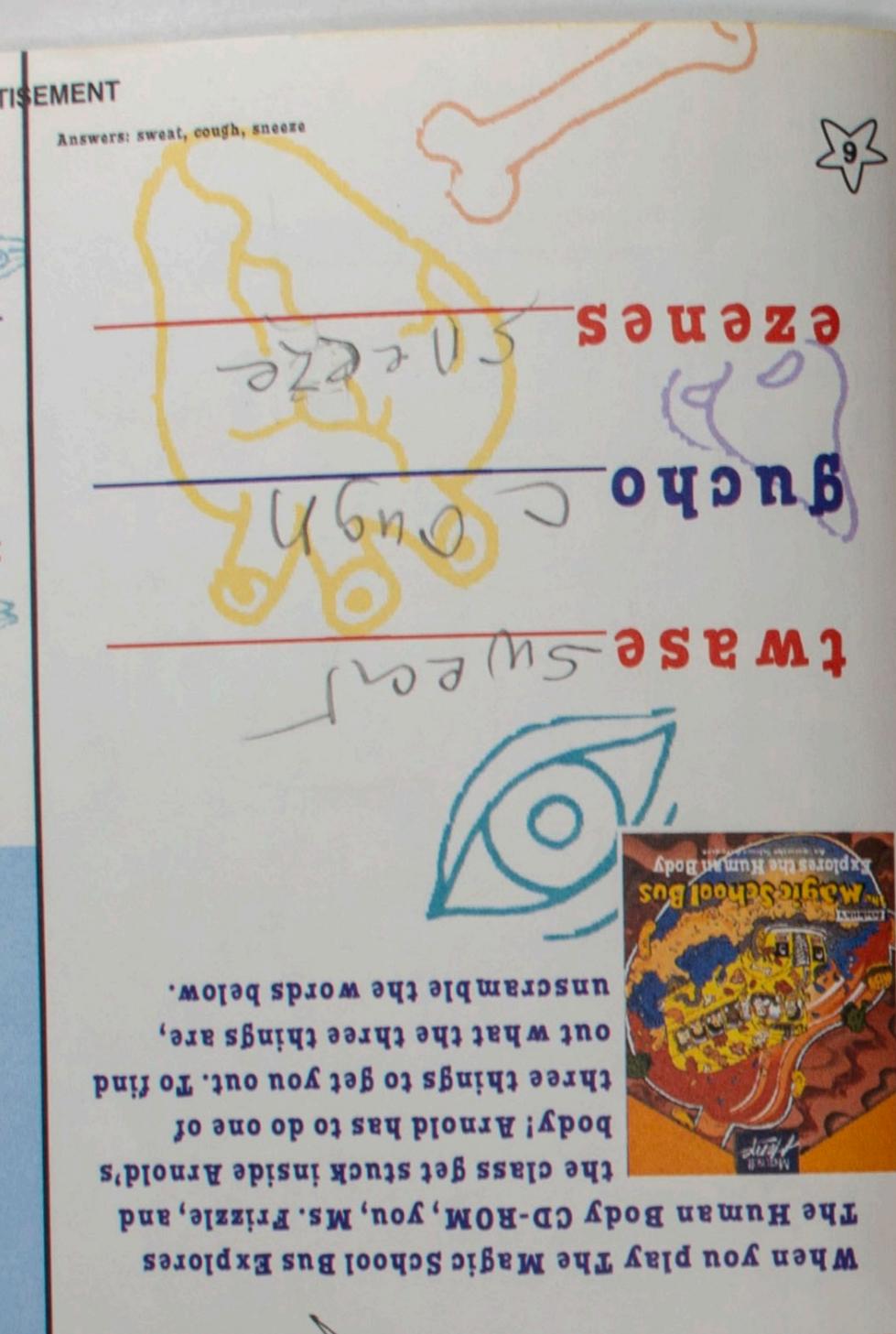
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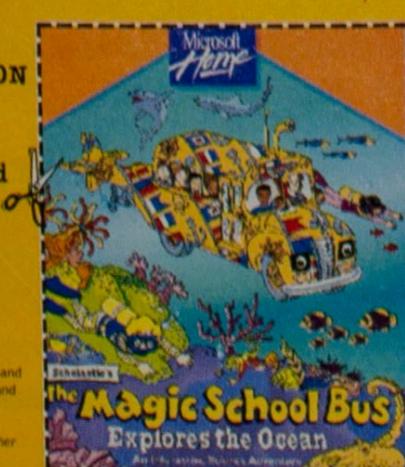


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by David Lewman

1. Remind your parents that you're a member of the Society to Prevent Cruelty to Snowflakes.
2. Announce that your sidewalk has been declared the Official Bobsled Run for the next winter Olympics.
3. Come in from the cold and say, "See this runny nose? I'm allergic to snow!"
4. Explain that because of global warming, all snow must be left exactly where it falls.
5. Insist that the Constitution guarantees "the right not to shovel snow." While your parents are busy looking it up, hide!
6. Convince your parents to move to Hawaii.
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1. Create an item of clothing or a device to protect you from any kind of weather. Describe it in words, or draw a picture of it.

2. Mail your entry by February 19, 1996, to:

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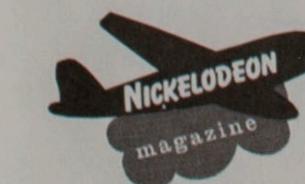


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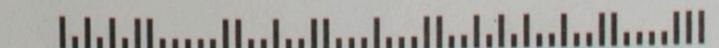
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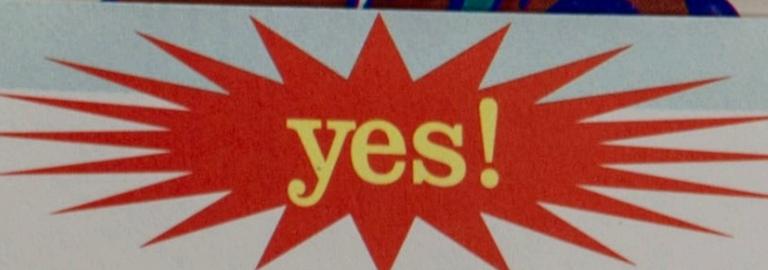
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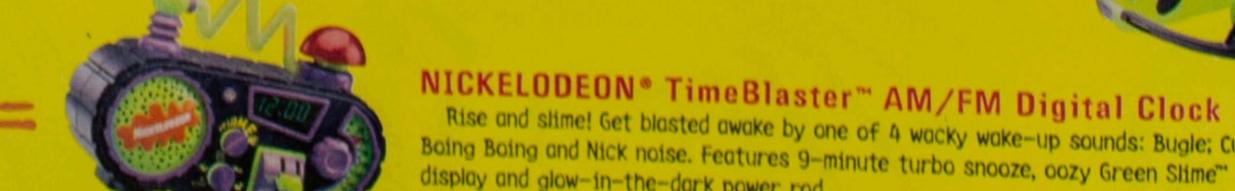
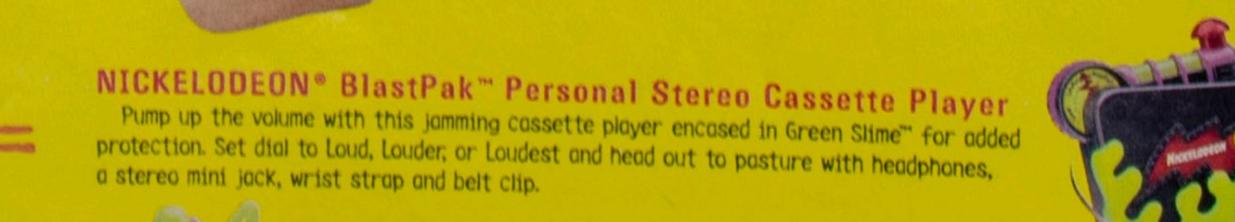
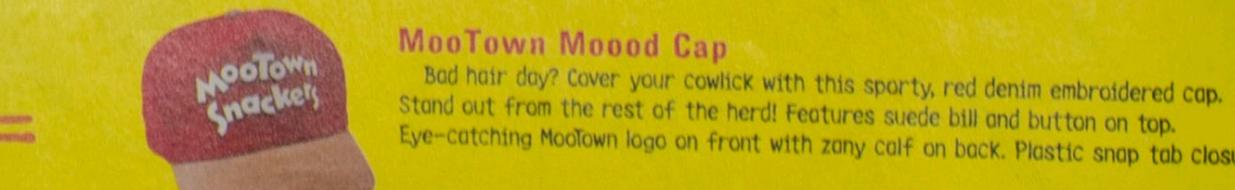
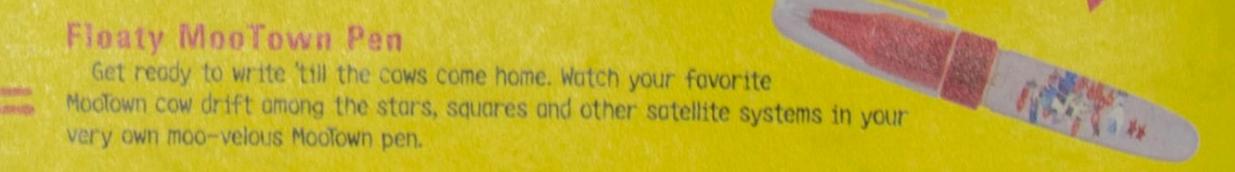


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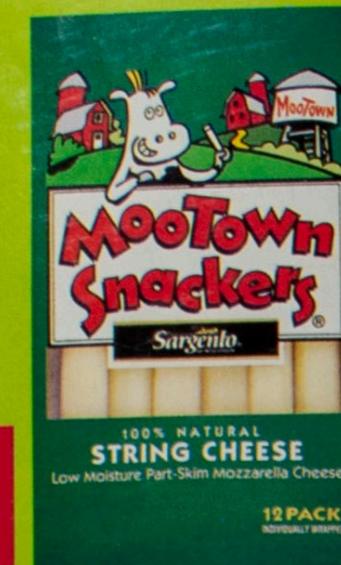
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SOME VERY FISHY WEATHER

R No one could have predicted the freaky weather we've collected for our Weather Hall of Fame.

FORECAST: DENSE FROG

Cats and dogs have never rained from the sky, but some other creatures have. A foggy October day in 1947 in Marksville, Louisiana, began with the *splat-splat* of raining fish. Scientists think the fish were in the sky because whirlwinds, known as dust devils, had sucked them up from a nearby lake.

Fish aren't the only animals that have fallen from the sky. June 16, 1939, wasn't a foggy day in Trowbridge, England, but it was froggy. A shower of tiny frogs fell on the town. It's believed that strong winds yanked them from local ponds. And in June 1882, giant hailstones fell on Dubuque, Iowa. Inside two of the hailstones were two small living frogs. The wind had carried them into a storm cloud, where they were coated in ice.

OPERATION DESERT STORM?

Everybody loves a snow day. But what about a red snow day? Red snow fell high in the Swiss Alps on October 14, 1755. Many scientists blame Africa's Sahara Desert. A fierce sandstorm there blew the desert's reddish sand high into the atmosphere. When the sand mixed with clouds, the result was a red snow day 2,000 miles away.

Sometimes, forecasters predict "heavy" snowfalls, but they never predict jumbo snowflakes. However, huge flakes fell in Fort Keogh, Montana, in 1887. They were 15 inches across and 8 inches thick.



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A FOWL WIND BLOWS

Tornadoes haven't blown anyone to Oz, but they have taken people to some odd places. When a tornado hit Ancona, Italy, in 1981, it lifted a four-month-old baby from his carriage, whirled him through the air, then put him down safely 300 feet from his home.

Tornadoes have done some other strange things. In June 1940, silver coins rained down near a Russian city. Some people blamed a twister, saying it ripped open a buried treasure chest. But here's what may be the most bizarre tornado story: When a tornado hit Bedfordshire, England, in 1950, a bunch of chickens were plucked of all their feathers—and they lived!



HAVING AN ICE TIME

The next time you shiver through a cold spell, be glad you weren't alive for the one that lasted 300 years. From 1550 to 1850, temperatures around the world were so cold that the period is remembered as the Little Ice Age. People still had fun, however. In London, England, they held winter fairs on the iced-over Thames River. And during the last winter fair in 1814, an elephant walked down the Thames.



How Hot Was It?...And Other All-time Weather Records

HOTTEST TEMPERATURE: 136°F in the shade; on September 13, 1922, in Azizia, Libya.

COLDEST TEMPERATURE: -128.6°F; on July 21, 1983, in Vostok, Antarctica.

THE GREATEST TEMPERATURE DROP IN 24 HOURS: From 44°F to -56°F (a drop of 100°F); from January 23 to 24, 1916, in Browning, Montana.

MOST SNOWFALL IN ONE YEAR: 93½ feet; from July 1971 to June 1972, on Washington State's Mount Rainier.

MOST RAINFALL IN 24 HOURS: 6 feet; from March 15 to 16, 1952, in Cilaos, on Réunion Island in the Indian Ocean.

WETTEST PLACE ON EARTH: Mawsynram, India; with an average of 39 feet of rain each year.

BIGGEST HAILSTONE TO FALL IN THE UNITED STATES: As big as a cantaloupe and weighing more than 1½ pounds. It came crashing down on September 3, 1970, in Coffeyville, Kansas.

STRONGEST RECORDED WIND: 280 miles per hour; on April 2, 1958, in a tornado at Wichita Falls, Texas.

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	Paul Revere born, 1735 <i>The New Year is coming! The New Year is coming!</i>	2	Georgia becomes the fourth state, 1788 <i>It's a real peach of a day.</i>	3	Alaska becomes the 49th state, 1959 <i>Land of the free, Nome of the brave.</i>	4	Eat peach cobbler and baked Alaska.
5	Elvis Presley born, 1935 <i>Long live the King!</i>	6	Astrologer Jeane Dixon born, 1918 <i>Change your socks. Thank your lucky stars.</i>	7	Panama Canal crossed for the first time, 1914 <i>A man, a plan, a canal, Panama! (A palindrome.)</i>	8	Elvis Presley born, 1935 <i>Long live the King!</i>
9	Muggsy Bogues born, 1965 <i>Reach new heights.</i>	10	George Foreman born, 1949 <i>Wear boxer shorts.</i>	11	International Thank You Day <i>You're welcome to celebrate this day.</i>	12	John Hancock born, 1737 <i>Sign your name here.</i>
13		14		15	Benjamin Franklin born, 1706 <i>Do something about nothing.</i>	16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day <i>Dream.</i>
17		18		19	Edgar Allan Poe born, 1809 <i>Read a scary story.</i>	20	Zodiac sign Aquarius begins <i>Go to the aquarium.</i>
21		22		23	National School Nurse Day <i>Say "Aaaah."</i>	24	National Pie Day <i>Get a slice of life.</i>
25		26		27	National Geographic Society founded, 1888 <i>Explore something new.</i>	28	Australia Day <i>Hug a kangaroo.</i>
29		30		31	U.S. sends Ham the Chimp up in a rocket, 1961 <i>Why didn't they send Salami the Orangutan?</i>		



If Wendell Could Re-Write History...

Wendell (the **Cinnamon Toast Crunch** baker) is dressed up for three different scenes from American History.

Fill in the blanks to make each scene **true** to what really happened! (Check your answer below).



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11	National Inventor's Day Make something out of nothing.						
12	Abraham Lincoln born, 1809 Get cabin fever.						
13	Shop for doilies. (See February 14.)						
14	Valentine's Day Be a sweetheart.						
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18	Eat all the leftover chocolate from Valentine's Day.						
19	Nicolaus Copernicus born, 1473 Reorder the solar system.						
20	Zodiac sign Pisces begins Go fishing.						
21	Washington Monument dedicated, 1885 Get to the point.						
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25	Kuwait National Day Just Kuwait and see.						
26	"Buffalo Bill" Cody born, 1846 A buffalo chip off the old block.						
27	John Steinbeck born, 1902 Eat grapes.						
28	Last day of the month No...wait...						
29	Leap Year Day ...today is the last day of the month.						



Answers: #1 George Washington; Lightning; #3 Neil Armstrong

Whatever You Want^R

Say What?

From the September 1995 issue:

We asked you to fill in the balloons in this scene. Here are our favorite entries.

Girl: Miss Grumby, may I be excused from the 1950s?

Boy in back: These shoes are killing me. This tie is cutting off the flow of blood to my brain. Yep, it's the '50s.

Boy on right: So that explains why the flag has only 48 stars!

Jill A., age 12
Land O'Lakes, Michigan

Girl: Teacher, guess what? I know the problem on the back blackboard without even looking at it!

Boy in back: Little does the teacher know that that girl has an eye in the back of her head!

Boy on right: Don't let the teacher know that we are really from the planet Zoople!

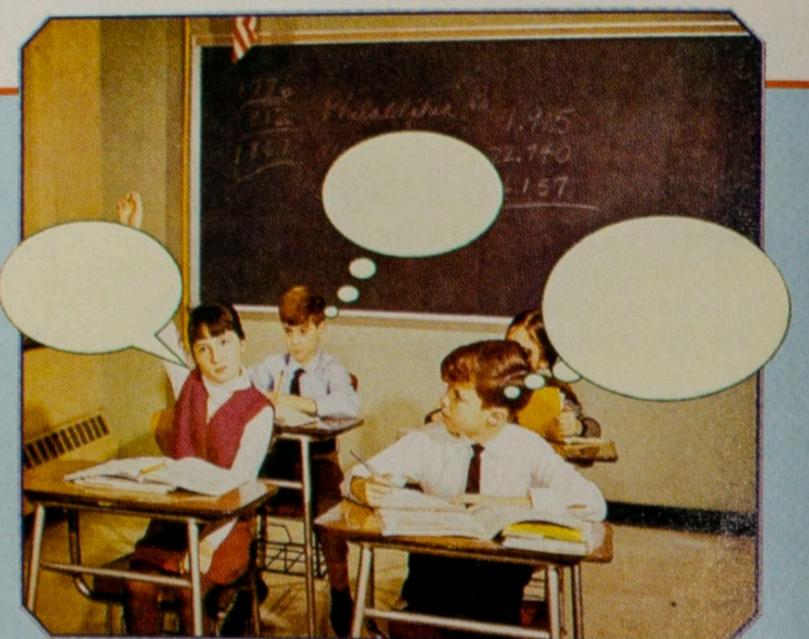
Kimberly C., age 12
Silver Spring, Maryland

Girl: My pet monkey is loose again. May I please be excused to go look for him?

Boy in back: I'll bet she doesn't even have a pet monkey.

Boy on right: There she goes trying to weasel out of another test. What a dumb excuse.

Holly N., age 12
Beaver Dam, Wisconsin



Girl: Teacher! May I ask a question? Why are we facing this way when the chalkboard is the other way?

Boy in back: Maybe if I stare hard enough, I can bore a hole through the back of her head.

Boy on right: That was a dumb question. Why doesn't she just use the eyes in the back of her head to see the board, like I do?

Casey F., age 14
Advance, North Carolina

Girl: Can I put my hand down now?

Boy in back: Tie...is...choking...me!

Boy on right: I wonder if I can escape through that vent over there.

Mike N., age 10
Peoria, Arizona

Girl: Teacher! Teacher! I know! I know!

Boy in back: Oh yeah. You know everything!

Boy on right: Does she know she has a bug in her ear?

Max G., age 6
North Dartmouth, Massachusetts

Tongue-Tied Tongue Twister Contest Results

In our September 1995 issue, we asked you to make up an original tongue twister.

Here are our contest winners and honorable mentions. The three winners received Nickelodeon Videos, a Nickelodeon T-shirt, Gak, Floam, and other great Nickelodeon stuff.

Winners

The forty-first floor fell forty floors farther

Deanna M., age 12, Allardt, Tennessee

Thanks to everyone who sent in a Say What? or a contest entry. We received thousands of them!



Caution quackers crossing

Amanda G., age 9, Farmingdale, New York

Tape straight steak

Amanda H., age 14, Grundy, Virginia

Honorable Mentions

Weird white wigs wiggled wildly

Dorothy M., age 10, Acworth, Georgia



The street sweeper will sweep our street

Starr B., age 12, Carson, California

Six sick sad sheep should sleep

Alex B., age 10
Westmoreland, New Hampshire

Dumb ducks chuck pucks

Wahito T., age 12, Yorba Linda, California

Five flying flies freely flying far away

Heidi C., age 13
Los Angeles, California



Six slugs slurping soup

Anthony F., age 8 1/2
Staten Island, New York

Pirates picked pink papayas

Ryan F., age 8, Islip, New York

Kitty cats catch clumsy clams

Kerie L., age 10, Glenwood, Maryland

Creepy crabs clasp castanets

Sara S., age 7 1/2
Ashland, Kentucky



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SIMMERDOWN! IT'S STICK STICKLY!

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1996

Are you stuck on Stick? Stick Stikly is a stick who really sticks out as the host of *Nick in the Afternoon*. On *Nick in the Afternoon*, which is on for three months out of the year, Stick asks kids to choose one show that Nickelodeon will air that day. He also answers riddles and questions from kids. Stick had a half-hour special last October, then hosted *Non-Stop Nicktoons Weekend* over Thanksgiving. His special will air again on January 27*. Here's the skinny on Stick and friends:

The Real Stick Stikly

Stick Stikly is a very witty Popsicle stick who is never wooden. He has red plastic eyes, a yellow clay nose, and a black clay mouth. He has no arms or legs, but that doesn't stop him from using pay phones or opening car doors. Stick broadcasts his show from a tiny desk under a human-size desk. Stick likes to say "Simmerdown!" and "Anyhoo." He has a crush on Holly B. Wood, but she doesn't know it.

Wood Knot

Wood Knot is Stick's long-lost identical twin brother. Stick didn't know he had a twin, because when Wood was very young, he ran away to New York City to find fame and fortune. But Stick began having dreams about a twin brother. That's when his mom told him about Wood. When Stick learned about Wood, he went to find him in New York City. Wood is an aspiring comedian who works as an ice-cream vendor and eats lunch every day in Central Park.

Mom

Stick and his mom are very close. She and Stick look alike, except that she has blue-gray hair, pink eyes, and red lips. She worried about Stick when he went to New York City in search of Wood Knot. Mom worries a lot about Stick. Maybe she worries a little too much.

Holly B. Wood

Holly is the entertainment correspondent for *Nick in the Afternoon*. She plays music videos and takes kids behind the scenes of Nickelodeon shows. Holly is a wooden snack spoon. She wears fancy jewelry, has a mole on her cheek, and is very glamorous. She also has great hair. She changes her 'do all the time. Her favorite thing to say is "Hello, beautiful people!" Whenever Stick tries to tell Holly he likes her, she doesn't quite hear him. She's too busy. Will she ever find out how Stick feels about her?

Stick Gets Stumped

Here are some riddles that have stumped Stick. Put on your thinking cap (not your baseball cap), and see if you can figure them out. Answers on page 54.

RIDDLE #1: What's at the end of everything?

RIDDLE #2: What can go up a chimney down, but can't go down a chimney up?

RIDDLE #3: "Railroad crossing, watch out for the cars." Can you spell that without any 'r's?



Sticks Straight From You

Since Stick's first show in the summer of 1994, kids have sent him more than 55,000 pieces of mail, including videos, letters, pictures, smelly socks, and sticks. Here are some of the sticks he's received.

Top, from left: Rebecca K., Dove Canyon, California; Julianne F., Linton, North Dakota (two sticks); Brandon H., Baton Rouge, Louisiana. *Bottom, from left:* Christa S., Cahokia, Illinois; Jillian H., Rockville, Maryland.

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Strictly Sticky Speaking

Stick answers some common questions.



Nickelodeon Magazine: Is it hard being a stick?

Stick Sticky: No harder than being a kid, which can be pretty hard. It's tough getting people to look up to me. It's hard to be taken seriously. And I've got a real problem finding a shoe that fits! Ha! Anyhoo, being a stick does have its advantages. For one thing, I

can fit into small places. From down here, I get an interesting look at the world. Plus, I'm definitely different, but that's good because it makes me stand out. I mean how many TV hosts do you know who are sticks? Oh, did I mention my natural floating talents? Simmerdown!

NM: What does "simmerdown" mean, and when is the right time to say it?

SS: "Simmerdown" means to take a breather, chill out, take it down a notch. I find that the best time to say it is when someone's really annoying you, or when things are not going the way you want them to—you can't find your homework, you're late for school, you get a lump in your stomach or butterflies in your throat, or things seem to be getting out of control!

NM: Is Holly B. Wood your girlfriend?

SS: H-H-Holly? Well, she doesn't even know, but...I definitely...I mean I've tried...her hair is just so...(gulp).

Maybe you should just write down "No comment," please. Thank you.



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Do you like bugs?

Hmm...I can't say I really like bugs. I used to collect specimens of insects, because they are beautiful and there are so many varieties. I'm not really afraid or disgusted by them like some people are. I've never been frightened by a spider, but I've been annoyed by mosquitoes, flies, and roaches.

Did you have chores as a kid?

My siblings and I had many chores. My mother believed that our family should work together. She would say things such as, "Gerry, I'm going to let you wash the dishes." She frequently had us baking bread, making dinner, washing windows, and licking

envelopes for political causes. Guess what? We did learn to work together.

Have people ever made fun of you? When I was 11, I was so skinny that my knees and my elbows really stuck out. In the sixth grade, boys would call me names like "high pockets" (because my legs were really long), or they would say things such as, "I've seen better legs on coffee tables." I told one boy who was annoying me the most that his teasing hurt my feelings. It worked, and he stopped saying those mean things.

WHAT'S NEW ON NICK

A Stick in the Big Apple: Stick Sticky visits New York City and finds his long-lost twin brother, Wood Knot, in "Oh Brother," a half-hour show which airs on Saturday, January 27.

Boney for President: Watch for The Weinerville Election Special From Washington...B.C., which airs in mid-February. The show launches Nickelodeon's Kids Pick the President campaign, which will continue until November. On October 22, kids will call in and vote for their favorite presidential candidate.

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I'm QZ (that's short for QZXLXZQ), and I'm from the planet Zittiz. I know about everything in the universe and a lot about some other places, too. So ask me a question about anything—and I'll give you some cosmic clarification.



Dear Alien

Dear QZ:

Do you have a pet?

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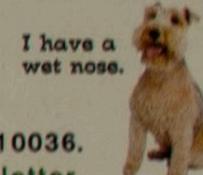
Jessica:

Because I was born cable-ready on a wireless, remote planet.

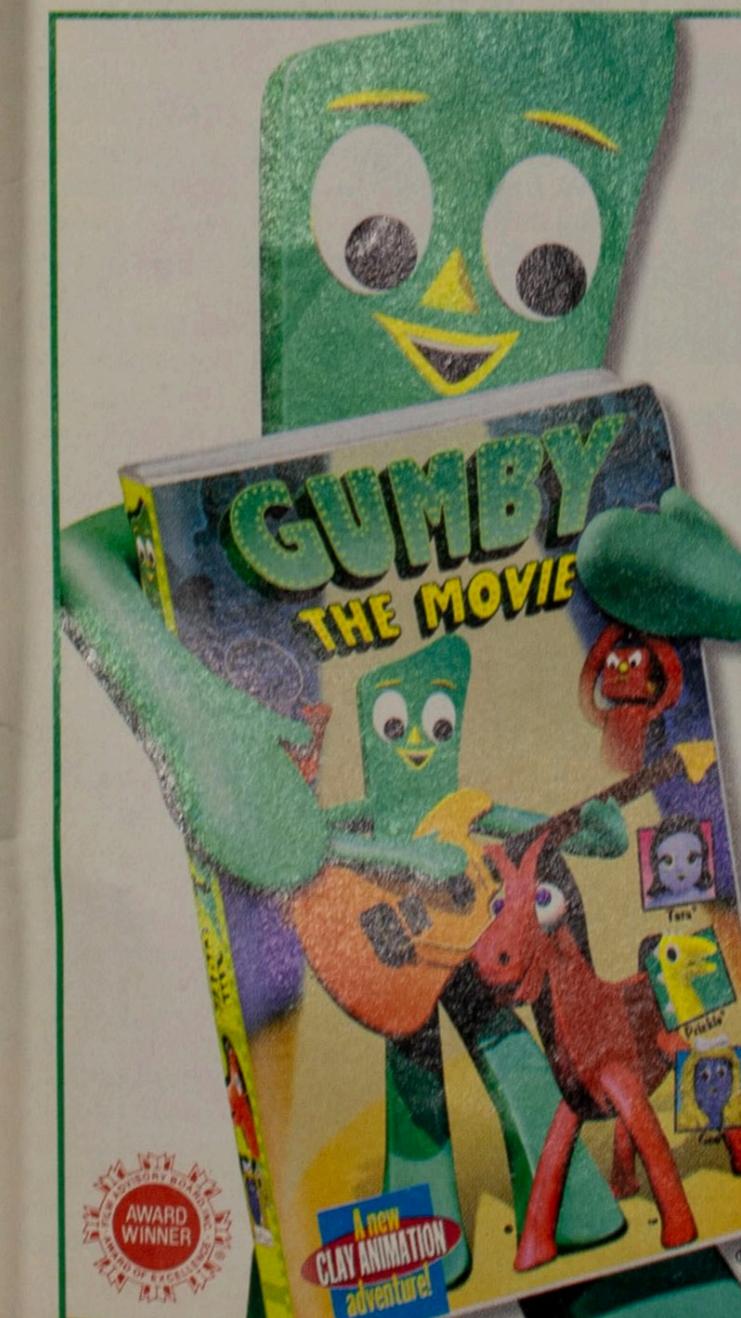
Cassie:
I am my own pet. I have to walk and feed myself. However, I'm thinking of giving my groomer the brush-off.

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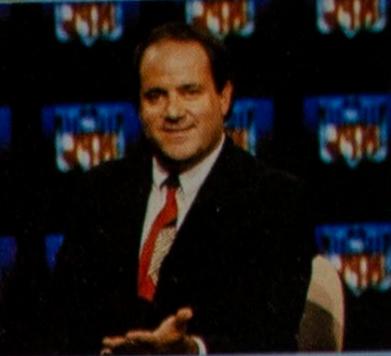
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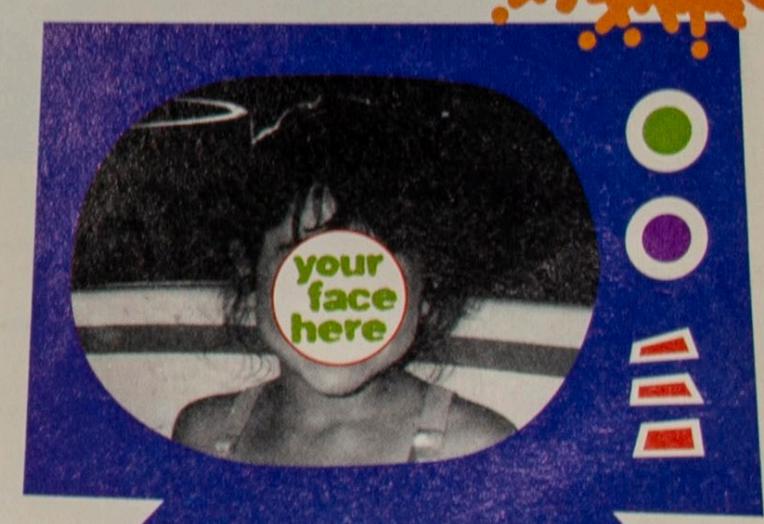
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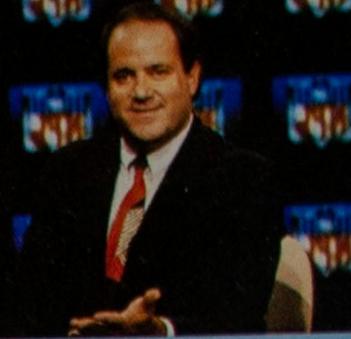
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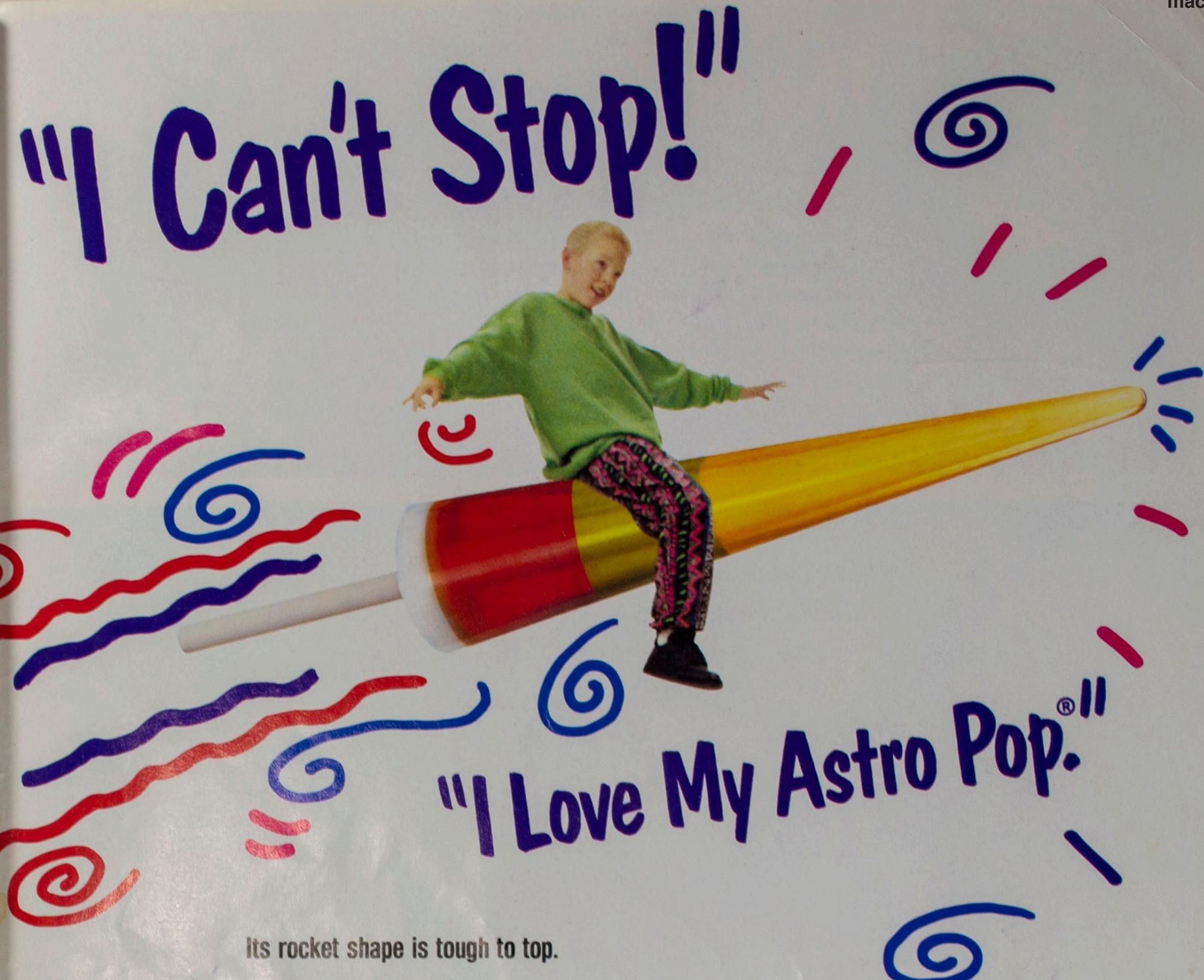
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The M&M's® "Dare Ya" Game.



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Real Simple Rules: 1. Tear game page from magazine. 2. Without peeking, grab an "M&M's" Chocolate Candy out of the bag. 3. Look at the color. Now find that color on the board. 4. If you do the first dare in that color box, you get to eat your "M&M's" candy. If you don't, you have to put it in the "Chocolate Pool." 5. Go to the next person on the right. Repeat 1-4. (If someone has already done a dare, go on to the next dare.) 6. Whoever does their dare also gets to eat the "M&M's" candies that are in the "Chocolate Pool." 7. Keep playing until all the "M&M's" candies are gone.

"DO YOU THINK THEY'LL DO THIS STUFF?"

"FOR 'M&M'S'? IN A HEARTBEAT."

"WHAT'S A HEARTBEAT?"



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1. Impersonate a famous person.
2. Make up a word and use it in a sentence.
3. Play air guitar for 15 seconds.
4. Take off a piece of clothing, turn it inside out, and put it back on.
5. Sit on an invisible chair for 5 seconds.
6. Sing a verse of a song that has the word "blue" in it.

1. Whistle "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star."
2. Tell who you have a crush on.
3. Draw a heart with one hand while drawing an arrow with the other.

4. Say "I'm an 'M&M's'" five times fast.
5. Braid your hair.
6. Make silly "kissy faces."

1. Say the alphabet backwards.
2. Write your name upside down.
3. Sing the National Anthem.
4. Finish "Roses are Red, Chocolate is Brown..."
5. Recite a Shakespearean sonnet.
6. Name five things in the room that start with "m."



The Great Chocolate Pool

Put your "M&M's" candy here if you won't dare.

1. Smell your friend's socks.
2. Say something great about yourself. (I do everyday.)
3. Burp.
4. Say "I'm not getting an 'M&M's' candy" in Swahili. ('Cause you're not. Ha!)
5. Do the "armpit thing."
6. Wear your shoes on your hands for one turn.



1. Hold your nose until your next turn.
2. Lie on the floor and "fry like bacon."
3. Rub your stomach while patting your head.
4. Say a word that rhymes with "orange."
5. Jump up and down and say, "Mommy, Mommy, Mommy."
6. Say something that'll gross your friends out.



1. Eat your "M&M's" candy without using your hands.
2. Make a saliva bubble.
3. Touch your nose with your tongue.
4. Put your knees together and walk around the room.
5. Make a stupid face and hold it for 10 seconds.
6. Have one of your friends feed you your "M&M's" candy.